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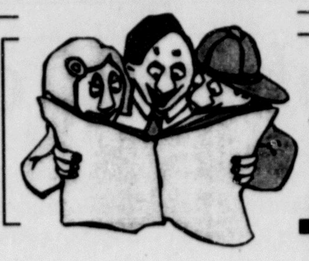

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Happy birthdays

West Sac mom celebrates first year with quadruplets

By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

ABOVE: Four identical girls, now over one year old, born to Ornsee Khamsa of West Sacramento

RIGHT: Khamsa with one of the four (no, we don't know which one, either!)

West Sacramento's Ornsee Khamsa will be 23-years-old in a few months. She is bright, pretty, friendly, and mature beyond her years. Her parents are war-blown immigrants from Southeast Asia and Ornsee herself was born in a refugee camp in Thailand.

Ornsee also now finds herself the mother of world famous genetically identical quadruplets (which happens about once in every 11 million births) who turned one-year-old this past March.

Ornsee's four little girls are named Melody, Natalie, Audreana and Preana, and although in appearance it is almost impossible for people outside the family to figure out who is who, Ornsee assures visitors that they are all as different as night and day.

"Natalie is quiet and takes her time doing things, Melody is friendly and will go to anyone, Audreana is funny and lovable, and Preana is really active and a terror," explained Ornsee with a warm smile. "At first we had to put colored bracelets on them to tell them apart (Melody was red, Natalie was blue, Audreana was yellow, and Preana was purple), but the more you're around them, the more you understand that they're each their own special little person."

The Khamsa quadruplets all weighed under three pounds when they were born, but outside of having to stay in the hospital for a few months after their birth and the occasional trip back for checkups and the care of typical childhood medical problems, all four of the little girls have been remarkably healthy since they arrived in the world.

That, however, is not to say that everything has been easy thus far for Ornsee and her little girls. The father of the quadruplets is currently in jail for domestic abuse, money needed to support the four new additions to the family is sometimes very hard to come by, and finding transportation to and from medical appointments and Ornsee's part-time job at Sutter Memorial Hospital (where the babies were born) is always difficult.

"I'm afraid the biggest problem we have is where we live," explained Ornsee, who is currently renting a small apartment which is infested with cockroaches and fleas. "My hope is someday to be able to have our own little house in a better neighborhood with a backyard so the girls can go outside and play."

Although Ornsee is always busy caring for her children (which also includes five-year-old Raymond) and still isn't getting as much sleep as she would like, she is determined to finish her high school education (she starts classes again this summer), get her driver's license, and eventually find a better paying job. She enjoys office work, but hopes someday to be a kindergarten teacher or a nurse.

Ornsee is also very thankful for all the help she has received from complete strangers and her extended family.

"So many wonderful people have been nice to us and I really appreciate all they've done," said Ornsee. "And I really don't know what I would do without the help of my parents and my sisters and the rest of my family. The babies are especially attached to my mother and she is wonderful with them. My sisters are also like mothers to my girls and they love them just like they were their own."

One of Ornsee's sisters, Linda, said, "It's so easy to fall in love with these sweet little girls and I know I sure have!"

"They're actually getting easier to take care of now that they're a little bigger," added Ornsee's cousin, Nicole, who often comes up from Stockton to lend a hand.

In an effort to meet some of the many needs of the Khamsa quadruplets, concerned local citizens led by West Sacramento

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Local riders stage clean-up effort

BOB HART and a back-hoe pick up a refrigerator dumped by someone near the Yolo Shortline Railroad tracks in West Sacramento's southern area.

By Debi Earl

The West Sacramento Trail Riders Association (WSTRA) gathered 16 volunteers together on May 17th for a "cleanup day" along the Yolo-Shortline railroad tracks that stretch from Gateway Drive to Bevan Road.

This effort marks the first of many "community cleanups" the horseback association is planning this year. The frontage road was chosen because it has been a favorite connecting trail for Southport's large population of equestrian enthusiasts for years. The group, along with other area residents who walk or bicycle there, are unhappy about the extensive dumping of garbage that destroys the beautiful view.

WSTRA volunteers included club president Ray Hensley, vice president Jim Thompson, Ron and Brenda Morazzini, Bob and Pat Hart, Amanda and Rebecca Peterson, Joyce Glass, Montey Hensley, Wendy and Joseph O'Donnell, Marla Willis, Ed Anderson and Debi Earl. Bob Davis kindly lent the finishing touch with his backhoe after two small tractors, one tractor/grader, at least four pickup trucks and a flatbed trailer filled the large dumpster, kindly provided by Yolo-Shortline, to capacity and more!

The association members want to create a permanent partnership with Yolo-Shortline to demonstrate their desire and willingness to preserve access to existing riding trails, while working toward new trails that extend and connect to Discovery Park, Clarksburg, and the Vic Fazio Wildlife Area in the future.

"As Southport housing developments rise, population and traffic is also increasing," said WSTRA member Brenda Morazzini from Home Port Realty/WestSacHomes.com. "We want to make sure our open spaces and trails do not disappear in this process. Many communities in the Bay Area, even Southern California, have been able to successfully blend horse trails, bike paths and pedestrian walkways within their framework to accommodate a wide variety of exercise and sports interests, and that's what we want to see happen here."

WSTRA meets on the first Tuesday of each month at a designated members home.

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Treatment trouble

By Steve Marschke

West Sacramento complied with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations by naming two local businesses that had "demonstrated significant noncompliance" in handling their industrial wastes in the year 2002. But a city public works official said that the trouble at one local plant was a essentially a paperwork error, while a sewage contamination problem at the other business has been fixed.

Cited were the Fleming Company, a grocery distributing operation on Channel Drive, and Dade Microscan,on Enterprise Blvd.

"Dade was cited for significant noncompliance for failing to record a specific self-monitoring report within the specified time frame," said Greg Fabun, assistant director of public works for the city. The reporting violation has been fixed, he said, and did not entail any sewage violations.

The situation at Fleming was a little more complex.

"One (citation) was for failure to accurately report a noncompliance," Fabun explained. "The other was that they had a violation which we determined to be adversely affecting our pre-treatment program."

The reporting violation concerned Fleming's failure to report that they "noticed they exceeded the limit" on some contamination released into the sewage stream, Fabun explained. The problem at Fleming, which uses a lot of refrigeration equipment, stemmed from an anti-corrosion treatment product.

"They used a new product that they weren't aware contained a high level of a pollutant," Fabun said. "They discharged enough quantity over time that it contaminated our sludge generated from the wastewater plant. It no longer met our land application standards, and we had to take it to the landfill, which is considerably more expensive. Once we notified them of the problem, they switched products and the problem went away."

Fabun said that the city considered suing Fleming to recover the extra costs incurred by taking the sludge to the landfill instead of applying it to local land. But Fleming is in bankruptcy, and the chances of collecting any damages appeared small.

Perhaps related to the company bankruptcy filing, no one answered phones at numbers listed for Fleming in the Sacramento area last week.

Campbell to be interim leader of Washington Unified

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The school board of the Washington Unified School District last week named Patrick Campbell as the interim superintendent, beginning after Superintendent Stu Greenfeld's resignation takes effect June 30. Greenfeld is retiring for health reasons. Campbell is the district's current associate superintendent.

The board also named retired assistant superintendent of business services Jim Sweeney to fill his former post on an interim basis.

The board has not yet chosen a new process to select a long-term superintendent to succeed Greenfeld.

In other school board action, the district heard public testimony on a tentative three-year contract for its teachers. The contract is scheduled for a board vote on June 12.

In local government:

Kelso committee wants to hear from you; Yolo County holds budget workshop

The "Kelso Advisory Committee," formed to give advice to the Port of Sacramento, has scheduled a "listening session" from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, at the West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave.

The committee will invite comments from the public "regarding the port in the context of its host community." Speakers will be asked to observe a three-minute limit on the length of their presentations. Committee members may ask questions of the speakers.

A second "listening session" will be held at a future date.

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors will host a special workshop on the impacts of the state budget on Yolo County. The workshop will provide information to county boards, commissions and councils on these fiscal impacts.

The event, moderated by Supervisor Helen M. Thomson, will take place on Monday, June 9, from 7-9 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 625 Court Street in Woodland.

High school paper –

This issue of the News-Ledger includes a special five-page edition of the "Review," the student newspaper of River City High School.

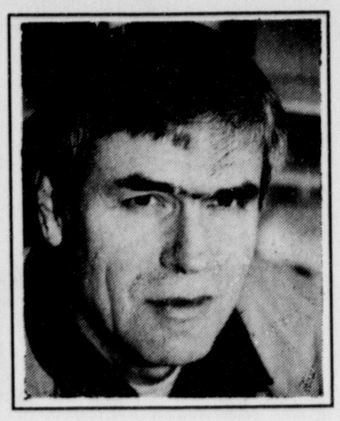
The "Review" is written and edited solely by the high school journalism class and its instructor, Chris Allan.

It is published and distributed by the News-Ledger as a community service.

Following this issue, the staff of the "Review" will take a well-earned break for the summer.

One teen's birthday remembered on Memorial Day

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

Note: With the passing of another Memorial Day weekend, I was reminded of the following column, which first appeared in the News-Ledger in the spring of 1997:

Nineteen-year-old Michael Lawhon arrived in Phu Loi, Vietnam in early August of 1969. He was assigned to Delta Troop's Alpha Squad, of which I was a member, and no one was more happy to see him than me.

At that time, unwritten standard operating procedure in the First Infantry Division required the new guys to walk their squad's point position, a job which I had been reluctantly performing since my arrival in mid-July.

Search and destroy missions in Vietnam were organized in such a way that often made ambushes almost impossible to avoid, and being a squad pointman was a dangerous task which no one wanted to do a day longer than required. Veteran soldiers in general, and short-timers in particular, wanted no part of walking the point, and for better or worse, the new guys always got stuck with that difficult and hazardous job.

Shortly after our squad leader had informed Michael that the pointman job was now his, he strolled into my hootch and introduced himself. He wanted to know just what a pointman was required to do, and if it was really as dangerous as everyone had been telling him. We sat down on my bunk and began to talk. Two or three hours later, we were still talking, and I felt like I had made a much needed new friend in Vietnam.

Michael was a couple of years younger than me, blond, blue-eyed, and disarmingly shy. He was from a small town in the Midwest and he talked nostalgically about growing up in rural America. He was very attached to his family and concerned that they were worrying about him too much.

I told him what little I had been able to learn about walking point, including how the Vietcong usually marked their booby-traps with three rocks, or three knots in a nearby vine, or three of something, and how important it was to stay off trails and rice paddy mounds. I also told him his ears would probably be even more valuable to him than his eyes.

"So, there's a lot of luck involved in this?" he asked me.

"I'm afraid so," I said.

"Well, I'm a really lucky guy," he assured me.

On the afternoon of August 11, 1969, our 28-man aero-rifle platoon was scrambled out of Phu Loi and flown on four transport helicopters to a sector of what was called the Iron Triangle. As we arrived on station, we could see red smoke from a number of popped grenades, which marked suspected enemy positions, slowly filtering its way up through the double canopy jungle. We landed about a half-mile away, and with Michael and Alpha Squad leading the way, we began a cautious approach to what our ground commanding officer told us was probably an enemy base camp.

We had completed an exhausting mission earlier that morning and everyone was tired and unenthusiastic about starting a second mission so late in the day. Our major, however, who was flying high above our position in a command helicopter, had been informed by a hunter-killer helicopter team that enemy dead had been confirmed just in front of us and he wanted those bodies identified, counted and searched.

Michael quickly discovered one dead Vietcong and after Headquarter's Squad moved to the front and examined the body, our major ordered the platoon to move forward in search of others.

A number of veteran soldiers later told me they were sure we were walking right into an ambush, but I was almost as new to ground combat as Michael and I don't think either one of us had the foggiest idea of what was about to happen next.

I had Michael in view when the first shots rang out, but I lost sight of him when I dove for the safety of the earth. All was suddenly chaos, with some people screaming orders and others screaming in pain. No one seemed to know exactly where the enemy fire was coming from. The deafening sound of automatic weapons fire and grenade explosions seemed like it was all around us. Then, just as suddenly as it had all begun, it ended.

The whole platoon stayed hunkered down until radio communication had been re-established between all the squads. The major then radioed down that he wanted us to gather up our dead and wounded and return as quickly as possible to the landing zone for extraction.

I heard it first over the radio I was carrying. The platoon had suffered at least five casualties -- two dead. And Michael Lawhon was one of the confirmed dead.

I have often heard, and I have come to believe, that if the people who have touched our lives are remembered, then they never really die.

Michael Lawhon would have been 47 years old this spring.

Obituaries

Juanita K. Spiller

Juanita Spiller passed away at home on May 18, 2003. She was born on September 12, 1931 in Thayer, Missouri, and was preceded in death by her husband, William Spiller, Jr., and son, Gerald Spiller.

Juanita was the loving mother of Gale (Henry) Kelly, William Kjeljustin, Debra (Michael) Fricano, Laurie (Brad) Carriker, Elizabeth (John) Egolf, and Robert Spiller; and the dearest grandmother of Katherine, Jacob, Steven, Michael, Matthew, Amber, Anthony, Amanda and Andrew.

A celebration of Juanita's life through a Memorial Mass was held on May 22, 2003 at Holy Cross Church in West Sacramento. Arrangements were handled by River Cities Funeral Chapel. Private inurnment at sea. Memorials may be offered to the American Lung Association.

Juanita Lopez

Juanita Lopez, a longtime West Sacramento community activist, has passed away from cancer at the age of 87. She moved to West Sacramento in 1964 and became active in local politics and volunteer work. She served for many years as the president of the East Yolo Senior's Club, was a member of the Commission on Aging, and also participated in the Volunteers in Policing program, which she helped organize. Over the years, she received a number of awards for her community service and was honored by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, the West Sacramento City Council, and the Salud Clinic Advisory Board.

Juanita is survived by her sons, George J. Espinosa, Leroy J. Espinosa, and Mathew Espinosa; 13 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Services were held last week at River Cities Funeral Chapel in West Sacramento. Memorials are preferred to Mercy Hospice, 7919 Folsom Boulevard, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95826, or to the American Cancer Society, 1765 Challenge Way, Suite 115, Sacramento, CA 95815.

New books:

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

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"The Yoga Minibook for Energy and Strength: A Specialized Program for a Stronger, High-Energy You" by Elaine Gavalas.

"Folk Vests: 25 Knitting Patterns & Tales From Around the World" by Cheryl Oberle.

"Healthy Teens, Body and Soul: A Parent's Complete Guide" by Andrea Marks, M.D. and Betty Rothbart, M.S.W.

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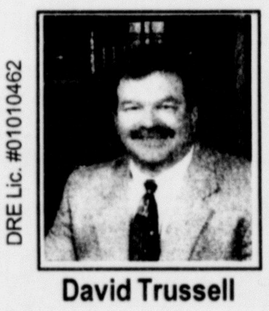

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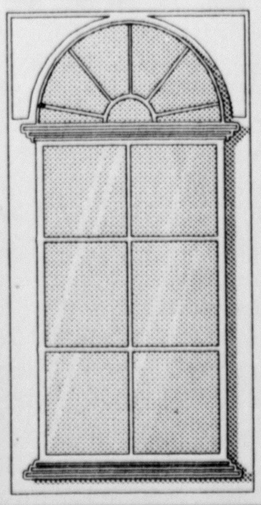

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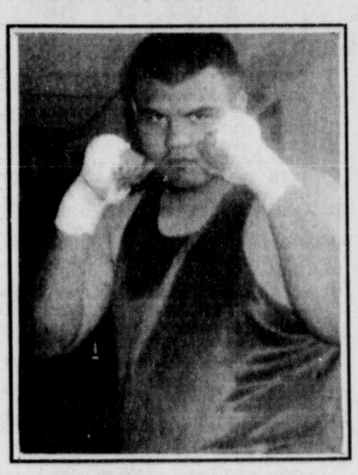


West Sacramento's Ruben Nunuz will for the second time represent California in the Junior Olympic Nationals boxing event next month in Louisiana.

Nunez competes in the super heavyweignt division, fighting at 250 pounds.

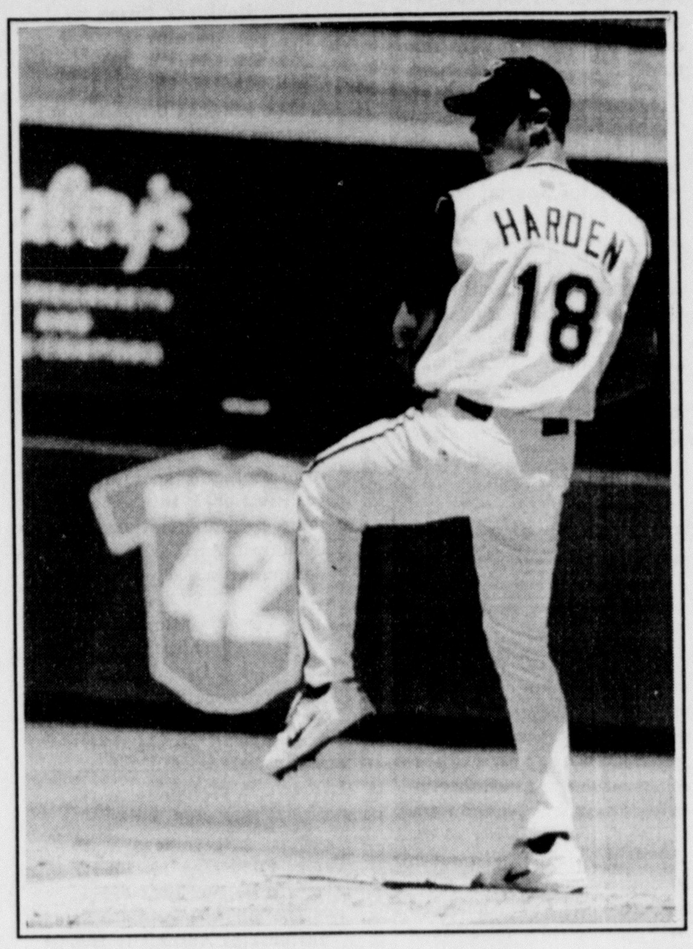
The boxer competed last year in the same event, but did not make it past the first bout. It will take four wins in Shrevesport for Nunez to win the title this year.

River Cats off to hot start

The Sacramento River Cats -- who play home games at West Sacramento's Raley Field -- beat the Fresno Grizzlies Monday to bring their record to 34-17 -- the best start in the young team's history.

The 'Cats began an eight-game road trip yesterday, in Oklahoma City.

RIGHT: Winning pitcher Rich Harden (now 5-1; 3.98 ERA before Monday's win) unleashes from the mound. Harden went six innings, allowing eight hits and three runs.



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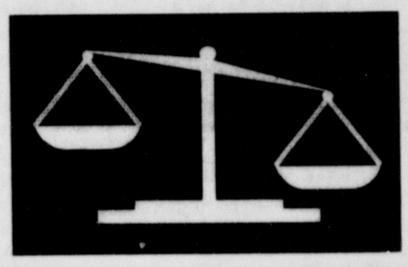

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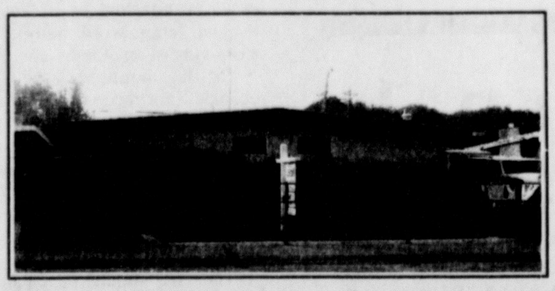

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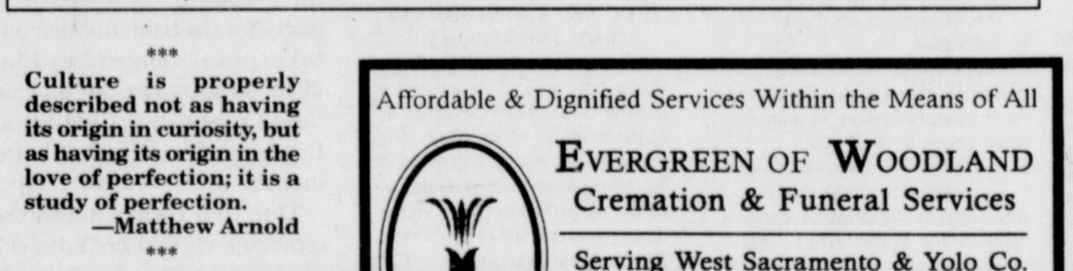
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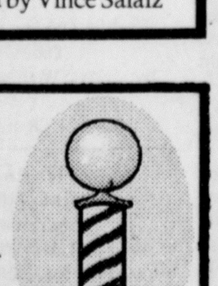

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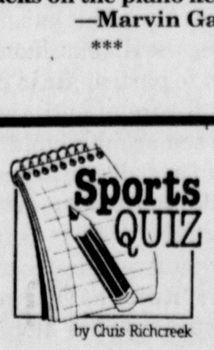

by Chris Richcreek

1. Five Minnesota Twins have had seasons of 20-plus homers and 20-plus stolen bases. Who are they?
2. Who held the major-league record for intentional walks received in a season before Barry Bonds broke it in 2002 with 68?
3. When was the last time a Pac-10 team won the national championship in college football?
4. Who was the first rookie in NBA history to lead fan balloting for an NBA All-Star Game?
5. In each of the past seven seasons (through 2002-03), name the only Canadian team to make the NHL playoffs each season.
6. Who was the first driver to capture Rookie of the Year and the points title in both the Craftsman Truck and Busch auto-racing series?
7. True or false: When men's tennis resumed as an Olympic event in 1988, Switzerland's Marc Rosset was the first gold medal winner in singles.

Answers On Back Page

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 10, 2003
File No. 2003-364

The following person is doing business as Angelo's Landscape and Maintenance, 620 Solano St., W. Sacto., CA 95605.

Laura Munoz, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/11/03.

/s/Laura Munoz

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State of California
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Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: Apr 10, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 9, 2003
File No. 2003-445

The following person is doing business as Capitol West RV & M.H. Park, 715 Glide Ave. (office), West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Capitol West Properties, LLC; Kerner Family Trust, 10-10-member; Robert D. & Eva L. Kerner, Trustees, 8663 Creekwood Way, Fair Oaks CA 95628.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 2, 1996. Previous fictitious business name number 96-312.

/s/Eva L. Kerner, Trustee

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Date: May 9, 2003
by: /s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DANILE PINKARD, JR.
CASE NUMBER PB03-35

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Daniel Pinkard, Jr.:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Kathleen R. Sylvia, Public Administrator, in the Superior Court of Yolo, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Kathleen R. Sylvia, Public Administrator, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 3, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. at Dept. 7 at Yolo County Superior Court, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/Sonia Cortes, Deputy County Counsel
625 Court Street, Room 201,
Woodland CA 95695
(530) 666-8172

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INVITATION TO BID

Pursuant to Public Contractors Code, the City of West Sacramento is soliciting bids for the publication of legal notices for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. Respondents must be a paper of general circulation and published locally. The Legal Notice Bid form, available from the office of the city clerk, must be filled out in its entirety, sealed in an envelope clearly marked "Publication Bid" and received in the office of the City Clerk, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 3rd Floor, West Sacramento, CA by 3:00 p.m. on June 2, 2003. Substantiating information must also be included in the same envelope. The City of West Sacramento reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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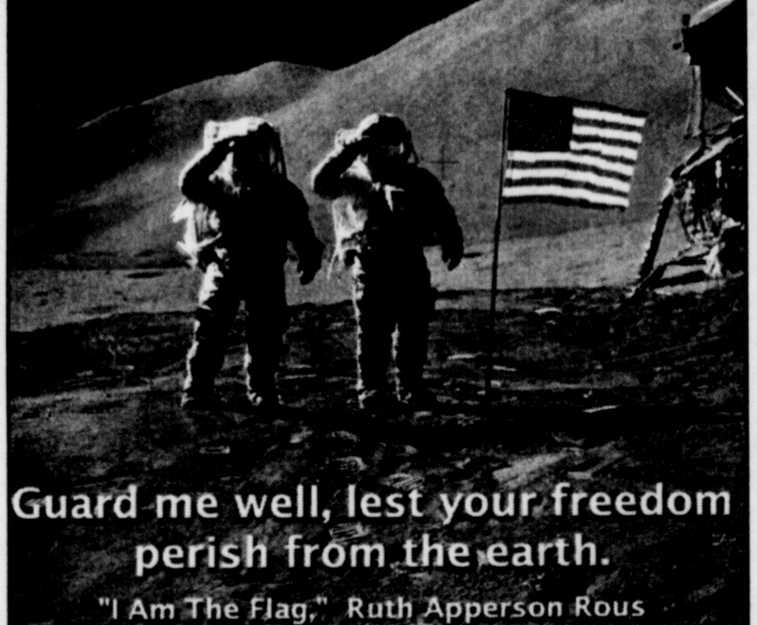

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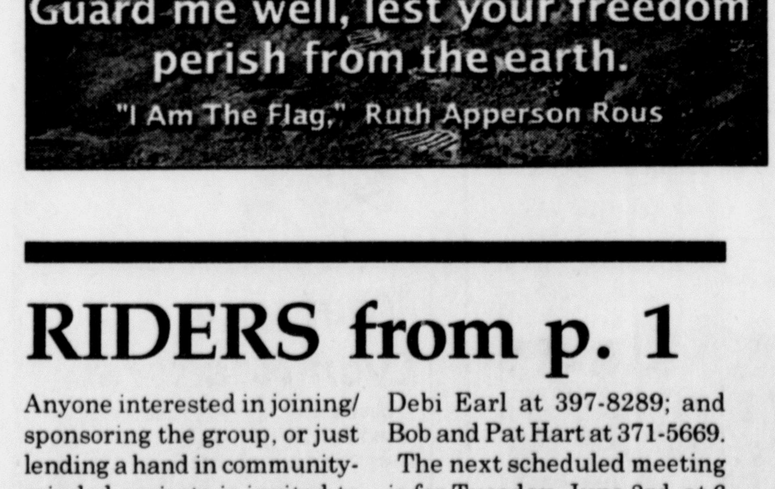
Anyone interested in joining/sponsoring the group, or just lending a hand in community-minded projects is invited to attend. Contacts include Ray and Rita Hensley at 372-0467; Jim Thompson at 371-7685; Ron Morazzini at 812-1358; Debi Earl at 397-8289; and Bob and Pat Hart at 371-5669.

The next scheduled meeting is for Tuesday, June 3rd, at 6 p.m. A Potluck BBQ at the Morazzini's house is planned. Please call Ron at 812-1358 for directions and details.



The only good advice is a good example. You don't tell your kids a whole lot of anything. You show them by doing. You teach values by making choices in their presence. They see what you do and they make judgments on it.
—Ossie Davis

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The men who succeed best in public life are those who take the risk of standing by their own convictions.
—James A. Garfield

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 6, 2003
File No. 2003-433

The following person is doing business as J.B.'s Outdoor Adventures, 2633 Summerfield Dr, West Sacramento, CA 95691:

John Bonilla, PO Box 902, West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/5/03.

/s/John Bonilla

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: May 6, 2003
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 13, 2003
File No. 2003-455

The following person is doing business as Absolutely Honest Auto Repair, 1513 Sacramento Ave. #A, W. Sacramento CA 95605:

Sergiy Arabadzhiy, 1513 Sacramento Ave., W. Sacramento CA 95605; Leonid Ivakhov, 2337 Covered Wagon Cir., Sacramento CA 95626.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/12/03.

/s/Sergiy Arabadzhiy
/s/Leonid Ivakhov

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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: May 13, 2003
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 28, 2003
File No. 2003-410

The following person is doing business as Cool & Freeze, 327 College St., Suite 107, Woodland CA 95695.

Jose Rivas, 1956 Maxwell Avenue, Woodland, CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4-28-03.

/s/Jose Rivas

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Date: Apr 28, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodward , Deputy Clerk

May 21 28 June 4 11

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 9, 2003
File No. 2003-446

The following person is doing business as Citywear, 1264 E. Gibson Rd. G709, Woodland CA 95776 .

Huisok Yang, 3715 Tallyho Dr. #69, Sacramento, CA 95826.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Huisok Yang

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Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: May 9, 2003
by: /s/Kim Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 8, 2003
File No. 2003-440

The following person is doing business as R.A.S.E. Probe Service, 52360 Willow Point Road, Clarksburg, CA 95612.

Kelin Jensen, 4640 Woodsman Loop, Placerville CA 95667.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Apr 25, 2003.

/s/Kelin Jensen

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Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: May 8, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Ffiled Apr 29, 2003
File No. 2003-415

The following person is doing business as GLO Investigations (Ghost Liberation Options), 401 Euclid St., West Sacramento CA.

Bridget H. Dempsey, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Apr 29, 2003

/s/Bridget H. Dempsey

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State of California
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Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: Apr 29, 2003
by: /s/Cruz Nevarez-Ortiz, Deputy Clerk

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In the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento
In the Matter of Cecily Lauren Gallion
Minor #2AD00035
NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Mark David Caliguire and all persons claiming to be the father of the above named minor:

You are hereby advised that you may appear before Family Law #9 at 3341 Power Inn Rd., Sacramento, CA 95826 on July 14, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. then and there to show cause, if any you have, why your parental rights relating to Cecily Lauren Gallion, a minor, should not be terminated according to the petition on file herein to require only the consent of Christy Michelle Gallion, the mother of the minor, for adoption.

Dated: May 13, 2003
May 21 – June 11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
(UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B&P 24073 et seq.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The name, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and business address of the Seller/licensee are: Vichai Arunyakasem, 1015 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691

Doing Business as: Rick's Chevron

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller/licensee within the past three years, as stated by the Seller/licensee are: none.

The name, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and address of the Buyer/applicant are: Abjinder Singh, 1015 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691.

The assets being sold are generally described as: Fixtures & Equipment, Goodwill, Covenant Not to Compete, License, Inventory, Leasehold Improvements and are located at: 1015 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691.

The type of license to be transferred is: 20-350249 Off Sale Beer and Wine now issued for the premises located at: 1015 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691 for a total consideration amount of $1,010,000.00.

The bulk sale and transfer of the alcoholic beverage license(s) is intended to be consummated at the office of Fidelity National Title Company, 2180 Harvard Street, Suite 310, Sacramento, CA 95815 and the anticipated sale date is June 13, 2003.

The Bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

It has been agreed between the seller/licensee and the intended buyer/transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Date:
FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, ESCROW AGENT FOR BUYER AND SELLER
BY: M. BENNETT, ESCROW AGENT

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The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 861 GREENWOOD AVENUE, BRODERICK, CA, 95605 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: $9421
The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.
Date: May 27, 2003 First American Lenders Advantage, LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 DeeAnn Gregory, Authorized Signature LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 250, Addison, Texas 75001. For Trustee's Sale information please call 916-387-7728 LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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QUADS from p. 1

Councilmember Carolyn Castillo-Pierson and Jeri Wingfield of West Sacramento Soroptomist International have organized a birthday party for the babies which will take place tomorrow, May 29th, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Sam Combs Park, 205 Stone Boulevard in West Sacramento.

"Due to a family death the quadruplet's first birthday celebration had to be canceled," explained Castillo-Pierson, "but I would like to really encourage anyone interested in meeting and assisting the Khamsa family to join us at Sam Combs park on Thursday for a really fun party. It's so rare for a community to have identical quadruplets, and in helping the Khamsa family we all get to participate in ensuring a future of optimism for these remarkable children."

If you are able to attend the birthday party, some gift ideas you might wish to consider include gift certificates to Wal-Mart, Raleys, Target or Safeway (diapers alone cost $200 per month); the donation of a much-needed used car or van; gift checks made payable to the Carol Heston Quadruplet Fund, c/o Bank of America, 2155 Golden Center Line, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670; and most important of all, a rental home or apartment with three or four bedrooms.

Note: For more information on West Sacramento's Khamsa quadruplets, I encourage you to read the fine series of articles penned over the past year or so by Sacramento Bee staff writer Cynthia Hubert. They can be accessed on the Internet at www.sacbee.com.

Oil paintings of John Nichols celebrate the great outdoors

By Betty Fairbairn Sokolich

John Nichols, the artist of the month of May at Arthur Turner Library, has drawn a great number of people from near and far to view his work. His fascination and love of the great outdoors is evident in his selection of themes to paint. The large oil paintings, elegantly framed, of Yosemite and of the ocean are a tribute of this love. In recent years he has been able to travel to these scenic places to be inspired by the grandeur and beauty of the scenes.

Nichols is a product of James Marshall High School where the former popular art teacher, Clarence Locke, was a great motivator and supporter of his budding talent. More study followed at Sacramento City College. The years following were devoted to earning a living and raising a family. Now that the children are almost grown, Nichols is able, with the support of his wife, Penny, to take the time to develop his great talent.

The Yosemite paintings remind one of the great American painters of the 19th century like Albert Bierstadt and George Caleb Bingham who discovered the great beauty and grandeur of the West and painted large oil paintings. When the paintings were exhibited in the East, the Easterners thought they were imaginative scenes -- "No place could be that spectacular."

"Yosemite Valley", "Half dome", and "Tunnel View" are painted by Nichols in rather quiet colors that convey the majesty of the beautiful valley.

"Ocean Song", "Ocean Beach", "Gualala Sunrise", and "Ebb Tide" all have a giant wave dashing toward the shore with a mighty roar expressing the powerful strength of the sea. In brighter, livelier colors the ocean surrounds the rock island topped by a picturesque "Lighthouse" perched there to guide ships around the dangerous rocks.

The bright fall colors depicted in "Fall Tranquility" make the trees by the river bank glorious and "Garden Quests" and "Butterfly Garden" portray Monarch butterflies hovering over daisy-like flowers.

The September 11th, 2001 terrorist attack in New York had a deep effect on Nichols. "We Will Always Remember" is his memorial to the sad event. He paints the towers before the attack in a night scene. The lights on in the building contrast with the dark midnight blue sky as the moon shines down on the unsuspecting city.

The exhibit remains on view until the end of the month and can be viewed during regular library hours.

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West Sac students win prizes, promote water awareness

Three West Sacramento students were awarded prizes in the recent Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District's annual poster contest.

Southport Elementary School's Mandeep Walia took third place in the Kindergarten division, while Gerardo Flores of Golden State Middle School took second place in the grades 7-9 division. Rahul Patel, also of Golden State, was awarded third in the same division. Flores and Patel are both in Ms. Wu's class. Walia is taught by Mrs. Honorene.

"You've each done a terrific job," said Supervisor Mike McGowan. "I am proud of each of you and of how well you have represented the West Sacramento community."

In addition to ribbons, each of the children received gift certificates ranging from $15 to $25 from a bookstore of prizes.

County Supervisor Mike McGowan (center) with poster contest winners Gerardo Flores of Golden State Middle School, Mandeep Walia, Southport Elementary, and Rahul Patel, Golden State Middle School. The three students each received a ribbon, certificate and book store gift certificate for their artwork promoting "Water Awareness Month" in Yolo County.

Courtesy of Gary Sandy Communications

Relying on the theme, "Use Water Wisely and Keep it Clean, It's a Way of Life", local schoolchildren from kindergarten through ninth grade were invited to submit posters. Over 620 children from throughout Yolo County participated in the annual contest that promotes wise water use and water conservation. Winning posters will be on display in the West Sacramento City Hall from June 16-20.

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Memorial Day's Roots Go Back to Civil War

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, Gen. James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on Nov. 11.)

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

Several Southern states continue to set aside a special day for honoring the Confederate dead, which is usually called Confederate Memorial Day.

'Taps' — The Legend

The sad melody of "Taps" gives us a lump in our throat and brings tears to our eyes. Where does it come from? People disagree, but one popular legend derives from Civil War. Here is that story:

The year was 1862, when Union Army Capt. Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, Ellicombe decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When he finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son.

The boy had been studying music in the South when war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army. The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status.

His request was only partially granted. Capt. Ellicombe had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him one musician. The captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody we now know as "Taps" is now used at military funerals. Whether the story is true or not, it effectively captures the mood.

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by Pat Goss

(NAPS)—If you want to save money down the road, take care of your auto now. It is estimated that every preventive maintenance dollar spent today can potentially save eight dollars in future repairs. Because cars of today are lasting longer and people are curbing their spending in a tight economy, it's important to make sure your car stays in top form by investing in preventive maintenance.

- Change Motor Oil (Check your owner's manual for specific manufacturer recommendations. Most recommend every three months or 3,000 miles)—Motor oil left in an engine too long can lead to deposit and sludge build-up in your engine, reducing your vehicle's performance and ultimately engine life. So, changing your oil regularly is important. If you haven't had regular oil changes in the past, or if you want to ensure your engine stays clean, there are new types of oil formulated to help keep engines cleaner, longer. For example, ExxonMobil makes a class of synthetic blend motor oils, called Mobil Drive Clean Plus, which help prevent deposit formation, safely clean away sludge, and restore engine performance.
- Rotate Tires (every 7,500 miles or every other oil change)—Tire rotation makes all four tires wear more evenly, leading to longer life. Regular rotation may double tire life.
- Change Fuel Filter (yearly or as needed)—Fuel filters tend to largely be overlooked leading to poor performance and possible damage to fuel system components.
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—Clarence Darrow

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An epitaph is a belated advertisement for a line of goods that have been permanently discontinued.

—Irvin S. Cobb

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The charm, one might say the genius, of memory is that it is choosy, chancy and temperamental; it rejects the edifying cathedral and indelibly photographs the small boy outside, chewing a hunk of melon in the dust.

—Elizabeth Bowen

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor—

Marshall Road needs help

(A copy of this letter and petition has been delivered to the West Sacramento City Council.)

We the undersigned are requesting that immediate action be taken to limit the volume of traffic and the excessive road speeds that are being driven on Marshall Road.

Currently Marshall Road has changed from a peaceful country road to a major expressway and drag strip, all of which the residents of the area were assured would not be allowed to happen at earlier planning meetings prior to the development of Bridgeway Island Estates.

Residents on and around Marshall Road feel that their lives are in jeopardy when attempting to enter or exit their driveways or cross streets as the oncoming motorists are traveling at speeds in excess of 69 miles per hour, even in the 25-mile posted zones. Occasionally a patrol officer will be parked at the roadside, which will slow traffic temporarily, but as soon as he/she has departed, the speeding resumes.

Marshall Road has also become a favorite drag strip because the long strip does not have speed restrictions such as stop signs or speed bumps. Residents in the area hear squealing tires and speeding cars day and night.

Soon the problems will become even greater as another phase containing an additional 130 new homes, which can only be accessed by Marshall Road, is scheduled for opening. As most families will have two vehicles, another 260 motorists will be using Marshall Road daily. We suggest that another access to Linden Road, via Allan Avenue, be developed in order to detour some of the traffic.

While these concerns have been brought to your attention before, to date, no solutions have been implemented to alleviate the problems. Rather than excuses, we are requesting action on the following items:

1. Stop signs in both directions at cross streets.
2. Speed bumps prior to the stop signs.
3. Development of another entrance/exit to Linden Road.

Thank you for your prompt attention to our concerns.

PATRICIA ANDREWS
CONNIE JOHNSON, and more than 20 other concerned citizens on file at the *News-Ledger*

State budget balancing suggestions

California's state budget crisis could be solved by taking the following (but not limited steps): (1) Revise the state constitution to require a multibillion dollar reserve (e.g., $50 billion) be built and maintained -- eliminate the mandate that the state must spend all it has during prosperous years; meanwhile, allow multiyear buildup so all need not be built up in the short run; (2) Yes, a state debt would be allowed during these buildup years; (3) Make noise to our federal lawmakers to require these offshore businesses to either pay their fair share of taxes or cease doing business in the U.S.A.; (4) Increase, not decrease, training in state prisons and substantially increase that $200 check to those released, including rent, food vouchers, debit cards (for at least a year) so that those released have much less chance for recidivism (resulting in a safer society, lower policing costs, including lower future prison population; (5) Cross-train some prison guards as social workers with bonus so they would have financial incentive to see their inmates succeed on the outside; (6) Encourage potential employers to develop jobs for those released from prisons.

Those are just some of the elements that are key to a safer and more economically sound society (to scale back our $35 billion state budget gap). Other suggestions, anyone?

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

News-Ledger Editorial:

Tonight's big event

Tonight is the annual "State of the City" address and dinner, sponsored by the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. This is always a popular event.

Keynote speaker is Christopher Cabaldon, mayor of West Sacramento.

The News-Ledger has, however, heard a little grumbling about the price of the tickets for this event -- and perhaps the grumblers have a point.

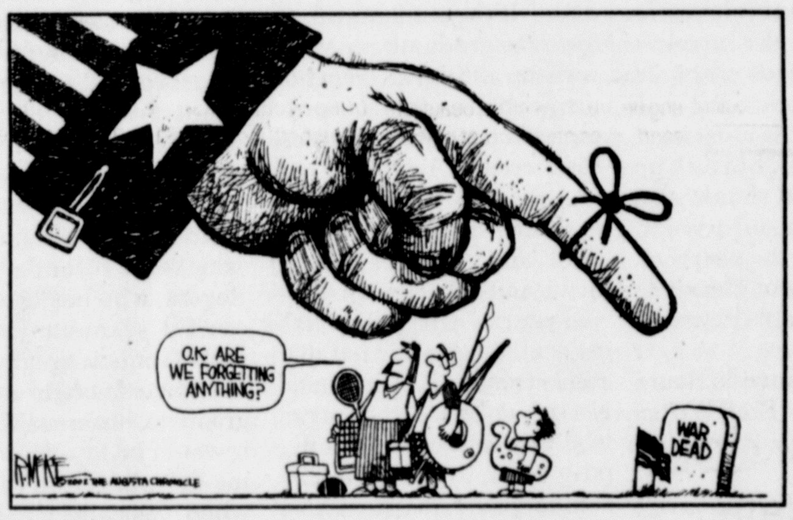
At $60 apiece for non-members of the chamber (that's $120 per couple), let's just say that there's a lot of pressure on Cabaldon to make sure his speech is really, really good. One hopes that the ticket price will come back down a bit next year, back into the range that more of the mayor's constituents consider affordable.

On the "plus" side of the margin, you can expect the chamber to do a very good job with the event again this year. Expect to hear the word "class" used a lot by folks describing the experience afterwards. Past visitors to the "State of the City" address and dinner hosted by the chamber have been very pleased.

Note to the chamber:

The News-Ledger has great sympathy for other people's typographical errors. Don't worry -- probably no one noticed that Mayor Cabaldon's last name was misspelled throughout those printed "State of the City" invitations.

No doubt the rest of the event will be flawless!



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Filed May 12, 2003
File No. 2003-451

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Gregorio Candelario, same address.

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/s/Gregorio Candelario

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Filed May 2, 2003
File No. 2003-422

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/s/Chris M. Franchetti

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/s/Susan E. Schuster

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Cynthia A. Williams, same address.

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/s/Cynthia A. Williams

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Date: May 8, 2003
by: /s/Cruz Nevarez-Ortiz

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 29, 2003
File No. 2003-414

The following person is doing business as Shell Hydrogen (U.S.), 2730 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833-3503:

Shell Oil Products Company LLC, 910 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002, incorp. in Delaware.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on qualification.

/s/S.J. Paul, Assist. Secty.
Shell Oil Products Company LLC

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: Apr 29, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 1, 2003
File No. 2003-419

The following person is doing business as Main Street Ventures I, LLC, 528 Third Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605:

Capitol Avenue Development & Investments, 528 Third Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605; Granite Land Company, 8950 Cal Center Dr., Ste. 201, Sacramento, CA 95826

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 21, 2003.

/s/Patrick McCuen
for Capitol Avenue Development

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: May 1, 2003
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 16, 2003
File No. 2003-373

The following person is doing business as Superior Trucking; Superior Truck Driving School, 903 Hollister Rd., Woodland CA.

Charles Pinkstaff, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4-16-03.

/s/Charles Pinkstaff

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: Apr 16, 2003
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
PT 03-754

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: RICHARD ANTHONY DELTORO

Proposed name: RICHARD ANTHONY ANDRIESSEN

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: June 6, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7, Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 725 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: News-Ledger.

Date: 4/21/03
Judge of the Superior Court

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There is nothing more lovely in life than the union of two people whose love for one another has grown through the years from the small acorn of passion to a great rooted tree.

—Vita Sackville West

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of GERALDO MARCO GONZALEZ, Minor.
NO: JV-02-00001
CITATION

TO: All persons claiming to be the father of the above named minor:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on July 2, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. in Department 4. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Rebecca Mendez Garcia on October 12, 1998. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 4/29/03
/s/Donna M. Petre
Judge of the Juvenile Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of ADRIAN JAMES VALDEZ, Minor.
NO: JV-01-00254
CITATION

TO: KRISH PERSAD and all persons claiming to be the father of the above named minor:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on June 25, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. in Department 4. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Nina Alicia Valdez on June 11, 2001. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 4/23/03
/s/Donna M. Petre
Judge of the Juvenile Court

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 30, 2003
File No. 2003-418

The following person is doing business as D.P. Web Services, 2771 Roven Court, West Sacramento CA 95691.

Donald Parkison Jr., 2771 Roven Ct., W. Sac. CA 95691.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/30/03.

/s/Donald Parkison Jr.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, County Clerk
Date: Apr 30, 2003
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Davis 76 located at 2002 Lyndell Tr, Davis CA 95616.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on Dec. 28, 2001.

Blaine Juchau, President, PO Box 579, Davis CA 95617.

This business was conducted by a corporation.

/s/Blaine Juchau, President
SBBJ, Inc.
May 14, 2003
/s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Updates and Briefs

Safety slam jam

On May 16, 2003 River City hosted the first Safety Slam Jam. The Slam Jam was a basketball game between the West Sacramento Fire Department and the West Sacramento Police Department. The fire fighters scored 75 points, while the police department trailed most of the game and ended up with only 69 points. During half time, the chiefs from each department took six free throws. Each chief made one free throw and then decided to donate the money to the Seniors Grad Night. The seniors made a total of $214.00, and the entire event raised $1800 for the Boosters. "The whole event was fantastic, the whole community came and supported us," stated Loretta Bonilla, a parent at River City who helped with this event.

- Heather Yip
Staff Writer

Yearbooks Arrive

Yearbooks will be distributed in front of the gym on Friday, May 30, starting at 7 am. This year the Reflections yearbook cover features a custom-designed photo phasing a Homecoming picture in front of the gym in 1963 to one taken in 2003. The book also has "micro-mini" photos on every page and also has more student life pages on topics like student piercing and fashion. Students must have their picture I.D.'s to pick up their books and should also have their original receipt. Extra copies of the yearbook will be sold in room 73 for $50; the only acceptable payment is cash.

- Amanda Bautz
Staff Writer

Teacher COLA Update

Earlier this month, the WTA were informed that the state-mediated Fact-Finding session with the school board revealed monies that were supposed tohave been used for cost-of-living increases. After WTA leadership negotiated and then memers voted for a raises proposal, the Board is now engaged in the next step, which is to ratify the decision to use this money for raises.

If granted, there will be a 2.5% that will take place next school year . There will also be a salary schedule increase of 1.5% for the following school year. Finally there will be one more 1% increase on the salary schedule for the 2005-2006 year.

Health Benefits will also be discussed once the agreement is decided on. The Association agrees to meet with the District's benefits committee no later than July 1, 2003 to begin reviewing fringe benefit cost containments.

- Daniel Wilson
News Editor

End-of-Year Awards

River City's annual Spring Awards Night was on May 22 to acknowledge freshmen, sophomores, and juniors by giving them letters and medals for academic activities. Students with perfect attendance also received certificates of acknowledgement. Seniors will receive awards on June 10th.

- Svetlana Avramenko
Staff Writer

Senior appeal process sparks controversy

Senior Trip opened to same appeal process as graduation

By Daniel Wilson and Ashley Coulombe
News Editor and Staff Writer

In a controversial decision that took nearly two hours of debate, the WUSD Board voted to allow RC students lacking credits for graduation to petition the superintendent to be allowed to participate in the school's annual senior trip. The Board initiated the appeal process last year for students wishing to participate in graduation and wished to extend it to include senior trip. This means that seniors who are in need of 10 credits or less can appeal to the district superintendent and request to be allowed to go on the trip. Students will have to petition the Superintendent in writing with a legitimate reason why they should go through the graduation ceremony or go on the trip and why they have not completed their credits. They must also sign a contract stating that they will make them up in summer school. The final decision is left up to the superintendent of schools and if the student has a history of behavioral problems, the board insisted he or she would be disqualified from consideration. If the students are allowed to graduate, they will walk up and get an empty diploma shell and get their real diploma once they complete their credits. Last year, using this policy, six students appealed to the superintendent and all were turned down and did not walk.

Of course, this policy has generated some heated discussion among R.C. students. Not only do some of the seniors who have worked hard for the past years to get their 220 credits oppose this process, so do teachers and other adults. Ms. Schroeder said, "There are worries that if bad students go on the trip and cause problems then chaperones will pull out and the trip will be totally called off." Nevertheless, Ms. Schroeder acknowledged that the board originally wanted to open up senior trip even more, having no appeal process whatsoever, and feels that the appeal process will be very limited. Still, there is the fear that a few people could ruin the trip for everybody.

At the May 8 board meeting, numerous students, staff, parents, and administrators addressed the board to speak on the subject. All were opposed to the policy for graduation as well as senior trip. The board also said they had received five letters, all but one opposed to the policy. One common opinion was that, as a matter of principle, students who do not enough credits should not be allowed to participate in rewarding activities. Senior Amanda Carriker said, "It's not hard to graduate - show up, do a few assignments, keep your mouth shut, and get a D." Mr. Geivett said, "I don't think it is fair to students that do all their work because they work hard and have to sit at their graduation ceremony with some people who have not worked hard at all."

Another concern was that this decision gives students the message that it is okay to "slack off." Chris Wright, a 3.0 senior preparing to enter the military, explained that he has kept his GPA up in addition to having a job for three years of his high school career. "It's basically telling kids that it's okay to slack off and not work hard." He expressed concern over the lowering of the standards, and compared this new policy to the three strikes law saying, "How many chances can you give someone?" When board members explained that they were voting from their hearts on behalf of some students, Wright expanded, saying, "You speak on how you feel. How do you think I feel?"

Another point of view came rom a self-designated slacker," Wrenda Rogers. Rogers, who has been a successful saxophonist in the school's music program, does not have enough credits to graduate. Rogers said, "I think it would be totally unfair for me to walk across the stage, when basically I have been sleeping through high school." In opposition to some of the discussion, board members insisted they were listening, but needed to defend the rights of the small minority of students who might fail a senior-only class, with no chance for an exam retake, or an ESL student who cannot pass a proficiency test.

The Leadership class also conducted a poll through senior English classes about the new process. They asked two questions: The first, 'should senior trip be part of this appeal process?' The total number of "No's" was 134 and the total number of "Yes" answers was 122. The second question was: Should slacking students be able to appeal and be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony? One hundred and two students said, "Yes" and 154 said "No." In support of the process, one student said, "Failing students will be embarrassed if they cannot walk at graduation." Another said, "Some students cannot write, therefore they cannot pass the proficiency exams." Yet another student said, "This is their one and only chance to walk at graduation." Opposed to the process, one student said, "The senior trip is a reward for graduating, not slacking off for four years." Another said, "What's the point of working hard if there are no incentives?" One more student opposed it because, "You must achieve to receive!"

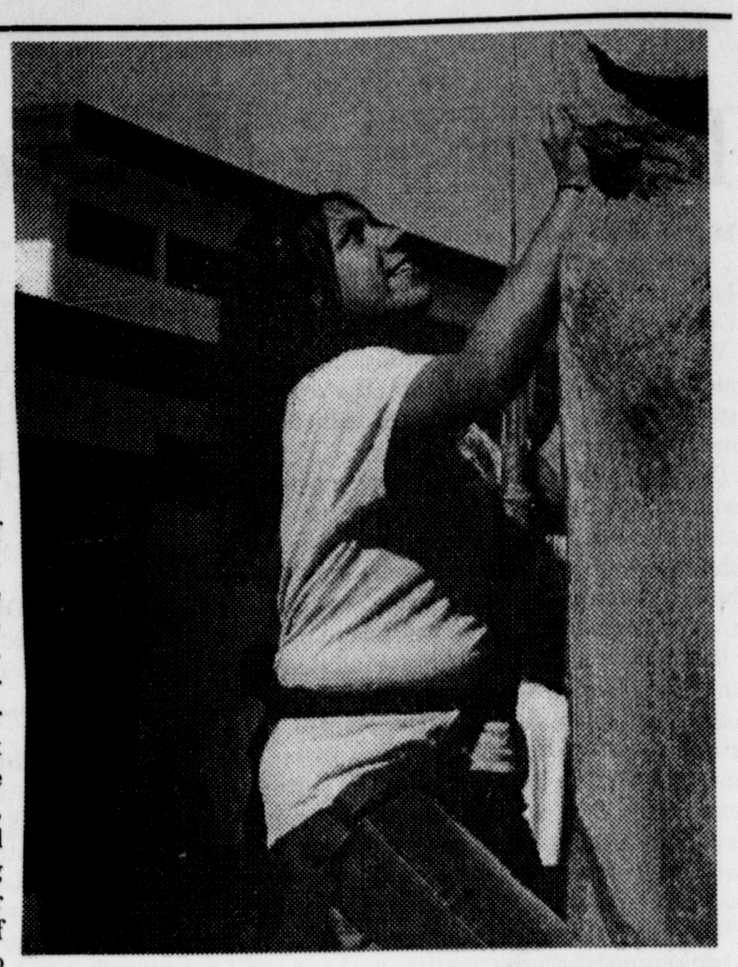
Despite the strong opposition, the board voted and passed the policy anyway. When asked how he felt, Mr. Geivett said, "I don't agree with it at all. When I stand up in front of everyone from the community, including parents, teachers, family members, etc. and I say that all these students have graduated, it will be untrue."

However, the board stuck by their desire to have in place a process in place for students in exceptional situations who cannot complete all of their credits by graduation. Mr. Geivett acknowledged their concern, but also his belief that River City already addressed those problems.

"Of course there are some students that come from other schools or other situations where they were not required to do some R.C. requirements such as Community Service so they have to be worked with but we usually get those situations worked out so that is not really an issue." Mr. Geivett responded.

In support of her vote, Board Member Irene Eklund said, "We don't all get rewarded equally for the job we do. I am going to vote from my heart. If they worked hard, they deserve the opportunity to earn the credits."

Although many people are opposed to this new policy, the board passed it and it is now in effect. Mr. Geivett commented, "I don't like the new policy because it takes away the importance of doing the right thing. Students will forget the importance of doing well because they will be rewarded no matter the situation."



Vanessa Castro makes a successful climb to the top of the rock wall during R.C.'s 8th Annual Career Faire. The event was held on Thursday, May 22, and featured 40 organizes and companies spread out in the quad, gym, library and cafeteria.

Senior graduation night

Seniors bid a final farewell at all-night graduation celebration

By Daniel Wilson
News Editor

We all know that from the point that we begin our first day of pre-school, most students are focused on the day that they will graduate from high school. So when we get to that great day of graduation, why not celebrate? River City's big celebration will take place on Friday, June 13, and for the first time ever; R.C. students are involved in the planning of it. The party will begin at 11 p.m. The party will last all night and end at 7 a.m. the following morning.

The party will be held in West Sacramento's brand new Civic Center. The Leadership class is working very closely with Vice Principal Ms. Broxton as well as with the teen center's director, Dave Dove. Victoria Montez said, "We will be doing pretty much whatever he asks us to do." They are also trying to get senior parent and student support and participation in the planning. Senior and Leadership organizer, Victoria Montez said, "I'm very excited about it but I hope we can pull it off because we are running out of time."

Not only will this be an all-night celebration, but it will also feature many activities for the seniors to participate in such as a midnight dinner, late-night dancing, watching movies, playing games, prize giveaways, and a video farewell. The party will also feature a DJ, a coffee shop, a juice bar, snacks, and a catered breakfast. There is also a $1,000 prize that will be given out at the end of the evening. Other prizes will be given out as well.

Tickets are $20, but graduating seniors are not allowed to bring guests. Funds for the party will be provided by student admission costs, donations, fund-raising, and donations from the city. The purpose for this party is to provide graduating students with a safe, drug and alcohol free alternative. Senior Vinson Bigornia said, "I hope it is better than the previous years!"

Not only are the students getting more involved, but the staff is as well. Ms. Broxton said that both she and Mr. Geivett have been providing the committee with contacts, information and even potential activities. Both of them have experience as principals at other high schools that had much bigger Grad. Night celebrations than R.C. has ever had in the past. Ms. Broxton said, "We want the celebration to become better for this years seniors so that future students will have better celebrations as well." In response, junior Chris Starr said, "I am glad that the students and staff are making the celebration better this year because next year ours will be much better as well."

Greenfeld resigns; district must find new superintendent

By Heather Yip
Staff Writer

Stuart "Stu" Greenfeld, the superintendent of Washington Unified School District resigned earlier this month, leaving the district without a leader at the helm once again. Greenfeld is resigning because of health reasons. He said his health problems are related to circulatory and vascular difficulties, but declined to go into details. Recent resignations and up coming retirements, moreover, create a larger void in the district's leadership team come this July.

During Greenfeld's tenure five schools with low API scores increased their standing. Greenfeld said, "None of this was done independently; it was all done with the help of students and all staff." Mr. Greenfeld says, he "takes pride in putting all the schools on a common calendar, opening Bridegeway Island elementary school, and increasing student achievement." Greenfeld also said, "It has been a great pleasure working with the students. The leadership class is great, and Costanza is a great teacher."

When students and staff were asked for their reactions to Greenfeld's departure, the reactions were mixed. Ms. Broxton gives him credit for putting the curriculum in place. She also pointed out that two elementary schools were named distinguished schools during his two years in the district. "Mr. Greenfeld is very concerned about the kids; he always tried to put the kids first," commented Ms. Broxton.

While some positive things happened in the district during Greenfeld's tenure, there was also tension between the superintendent and teachers over proposed budget cuts, teacher layoffs, and the struggle to settle the labor contract. While a recent *Sacramento Bee* article stated, "his gruff exterior alienated some and charmed others," one anonymous teacher said, "it felt like he was a bully who took pride in insulting and demeaning teachers."

Although Mr. Greenfeld may not have been popular with all the teachers, the three River City students the Review contacted who had worked with him, had nothing but positive things to say about the superintendent. Malakai Mummi, a junior, stated, "Mr. Greenfeld was a happy guy; he always was giving someone a smile."

With Greenfeld's resignation, the board must begin a new search to find a leader for the district as well as find highly qualified people to fill the vacancies for the Director of Personnel, Director of Special Education, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, the assist to the Superintendent of Finance, and the Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation. Prior to Greenfeld's arrival, the Mayor's blue-ribbon Commission on School Excellence was critical of the district's educational program. One thing the commission highlighted was the lack of leadership primarily because of the frequent turnover of superintendents. Before Greenfeld arrived in 2001, the district had four superintendents during a ten-year period.

The district faces many challenges in finding the right person to lead the district for more than and average of two years. . More than 30 languages are spoken by the 6,800 students attending the district's schools, and two-thirds of the students qualify for free or reduced-cost meals. It will take a very talented, collaborative leader who can bring the diversity of the district together, build a new leadership team, and work well with teachers, students, administrators, and board members.

Opinions

Mixed Emotions
Student Opinions on Senior Trip/ Graduation Appeal Process

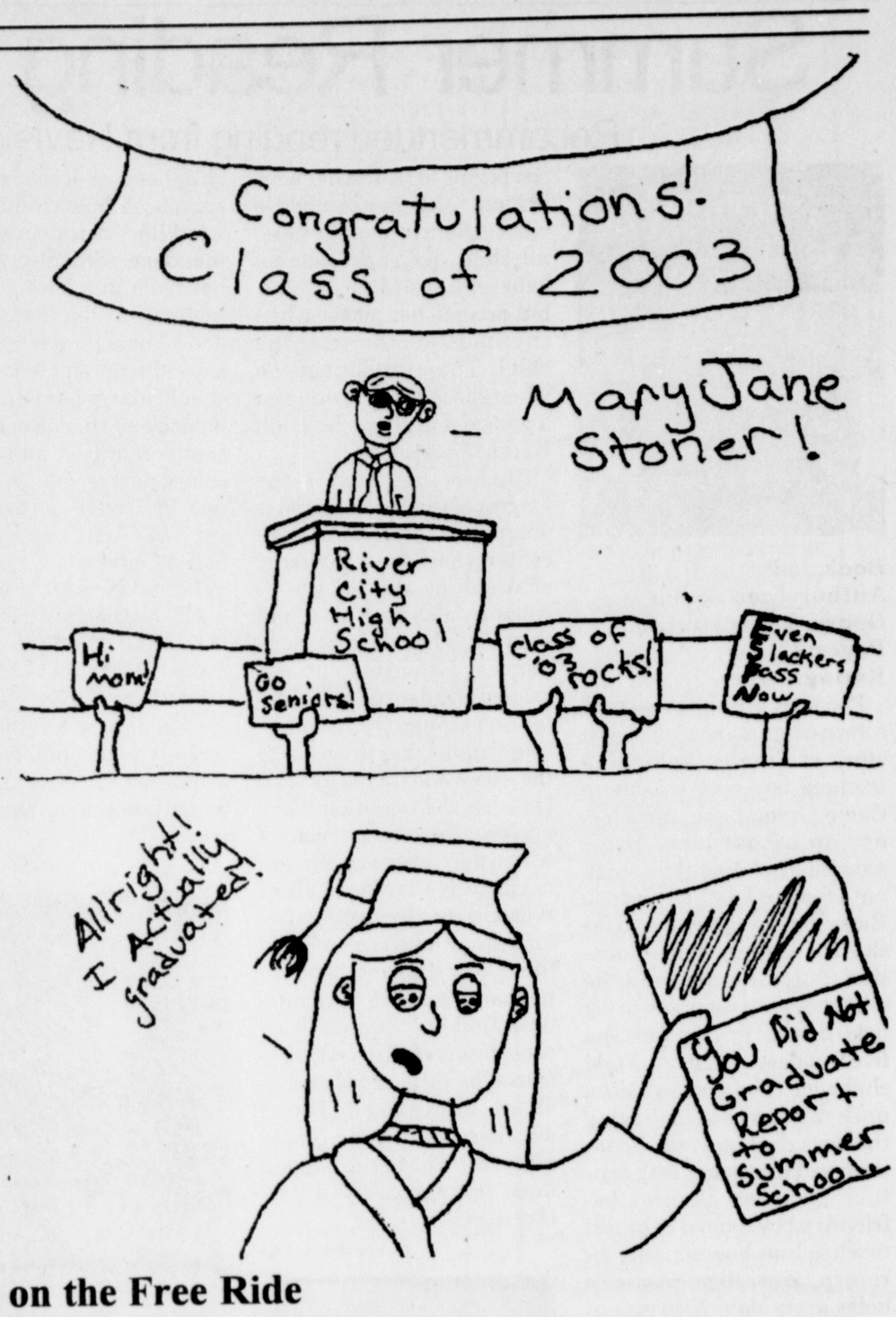
Here are some of the opinions from the poll that Leadership conducted in senior classes regarding the fiasco on the graduation requirements issue:

Agree with WUSD

- Since some students do not speak English, they therefore cannot pass the proficiencies and should still get to go on the trip.
- Students should be allowed to participate in all senior activities if they sign a contract saying that they will go to summer school or adult education.
- Students should still be able to graduate if they cannot pass only one proficiency.
- All seniors should get to go on the senior trip because it is a SENIOR trip.
- Students should be able to walk at graduation if they are showing effort.

Disagree with WUSD

- Every student struggles and is given many opportunities for help throughout their high school education either from tutoring and teachers.
- How will the district monitor and enforce contracts? It seems impossible. How can the rest of us be sure that these students actually will go to summer school or adult education?
- Students who cannot write will not be able to succeed in the real world not knowing the basics of writing and shouldn't be given any special exceptions.
- There have been many classes that help students pass the proficiencies. These students have been given at least seven chances and four years to pass the exam.
- About 75% of seniors have passed their proficiencies and are able to graduate. Why should the other 25% get a special privilege?
- Embarrassment is not a valid reason for not being able to graduate.
- Many students have worked hard for their diploma. They do not want to see students who are undeserving of it receive the same rewards.
- The "slackers" deserve what they get; they shouldn't be rewarded for what they haven't done.
- If this [policy] is passed, then we will be telling underclassmen that it is all right to "slack off" because they will get rewarded anyway.
- Every student has known the requirements for graduation before they even started high school.
- River City is not hard to graduate from. All you have to do is show up, do a few assignments, keep your mouth shut, and pass the class with at least a "D".
- Now is not the time to start showing effort. The time was four years ago.
- Walking at graduation is a privilege, not a right.



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Jumping on the Free Ride
WUSD gives break to "special seniors"

Christina Soto
Opinions/Senior Editor

Yes ladies and gents, it's official. WUSD has gone completely insane. With graduation and an annual senior trip just around the corner, WUSD has managed to stir up a bit of controversy...again. As of May 8th, the school board has reaffirmed and expanded a policy that will now allow certain students who haven't quite met graduation requirements to participate in the trip to Santa Cruz, and the actual graduation ceremony itself. Of course there are certain limitations and an appeal process.

Now, I know that my voice won't make a difference now, but I'm not just going to sit down and let this situation pass by without speaking about it. As a deserving, graduating senior in the class of 2003, I am infuriated that any senior, regardless of their mishaps, may be able to walk the stage with me (as well as my fellow well-deserving graduation-bound seniors). I worked hard to get where I am today, and I do not want to share the stage with some lazy student who took advantage of their high school experience and then at the last minute decided that it was time to get their act together. Give me a break!

Here are some of the examples of the exceptions who may get a free ride to graduation if they pass the appeal process.

Exception #1: "The Slacker". We've all seen them around campus. They're the type of people who have "senioritis" not only their senior year, but pretty much all the time. They're also the kind of people who don't care if they show up to school late, get bad grades, have attitude problems, are too involved with their personal affairs, and of course, sleep in class. Hopefully those "worried expressions on their faces" won't fool the appeal committee into letting them pass the appeal process.

Exception #2: "The Excuse Maker". True, we're all guilty of it sometimes, but some overdo it. When their report cards come in the mail, and they're failing a class, they simply tell their parents, "It was my teacher's fault that I couldn't turn in my assignments." They hardly ever take accountability for their own actions. They're the type of people who are used to whining and getting their way. Maybe it will also work when it comes to WUSD's final decision about their future.

Exception #3: "The Procrastinator". We all know how these people operate. These are the type of people who have had four months to complete a community service project, yet decide to actually do the eight hours three days before the project is due. Maybe, just maybe, since WUSD is go gullible, these procrastinators may get a free ticket on board to graduation.

Now, I know that I am starting to sound like a cold-hearted wrench, so I will seek out my softer side and try to find some sympathy for those "special case exceptions" who more than likely will get to walk for the ceremony.

Exception #4: "The ESL Student". Don't get me wrong. I know it must be difficult for a non-native English speaker to pass a test or even comprehend some school work, but life is tough. We are living in the real world, and if your communication skills aren't up to par, then your life will be tougher than a lot of others. My point? If someone can't meet graduation requirements, then how in the world are they going to be able to succeed in the real world? They just can't keep on getting the easy way out of things.

Exception #5: "The "Transfer" Student". Moving around from class to class due to schedule changes or switching schools is a big transition for anybody. Ironically, it is not always a student's fault when they fail a class due to transferring. For example, there's a student at R.C. I'll call "Jane Doe." She transferred from another high school. At first, she was placed in an Algebra A class. A month passed, and she found herself failing this class. Then, all of a sudden, her counselor calls her in and tells her that s/he is going to pull her out of her current math class to place her in a geometry class because she needs it for graduation. Since she took her counselor's advice, she was placed in a math class that was above her capability, and now she's failing and is five credits shy of graduation. Who's to blame for this stressful situation? The student, for taking the counselor's advice even though she knew she may have a problem later, or is it the counselor's fault for putting her in the predicament in the first place? It's your call.

Exception #6: "The Tragic Student". A lot of bad things happen to people unexpectedly. Family emergencies, illness, and even deaths can cause a student to be mentally and emotionally unstable and unable to come to school. Of all these exceptions, I hope WUSD will have a little bit more leniency on these people than the other exceptions.

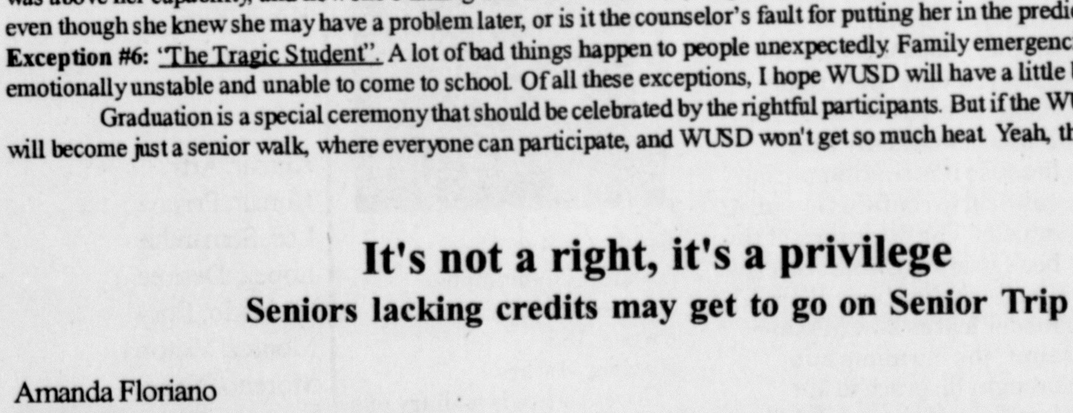
Graduation is a special ceremony that should be celebrated by the rightful participants. But if the WUSD board continues to have its way, before you know it, graduation will become just a senior walk, where everyone can participate, and WUSD won't get so much heat. Yeah, that sounds like a great idea!

It's not a right, it's a privilege
Seniors lacking credits may get to go on Senior Trip

Amanda Floriano
Staff Writer

With the new school board decision on May 8, seniors who do not have enough credits to graduate may be able to go on the Senior Trip. If a student is lacking five units or less, he or she may appeal to the board in order to go on the trip.

The board's decision is not fair at all to those students who have worked hard. The senior trip is for seniors to have fun at the end of the year. It is a chance to celebrate the completion of four years of hard work. People who did not work hard and make an effort to pass their classes do not deserve to go. It does not make sense to reward people for not making the cut. Letting those seniors partake in the senior trip is just like saying to them, "Sure, you might not have earned enough credits to graduate, but it is okay, go ahead, celebrate, and have fun." This trip is supposed to be a reward for the seniors who worked hard, not the ones who were lazy and slacked off. I understand that some people might have had a very difficult time in school, but haven't we all had hard times in school? Just because those people had trouble, doesn't give them an excuse. If these students are allowed to go on the Senior Trip, it will take away the whole meaning of the trip. In the real world, people aren't rewarded for doing things the wrong way, so why is it being allowed now?



Long Live C/O 2003!

Green Pride, No Fuss
RC won't be the same without us.
Lots of memories, both good and bad
Now I cherish all the memories I've had.
All those rallies and football games
Once we leave, things won't be the same.
Now that we're leaving, what will they do?
For we were the spirit and heart of the school.
If one objects, they should think of spirit day
And how we blew the competition away.
Long live c/o 2003
And always remember we're the best class to be!

~Christina Soto

Should seniors lacking credits be able to participate in certain senior activities? (i.e. graduation, senior trip)

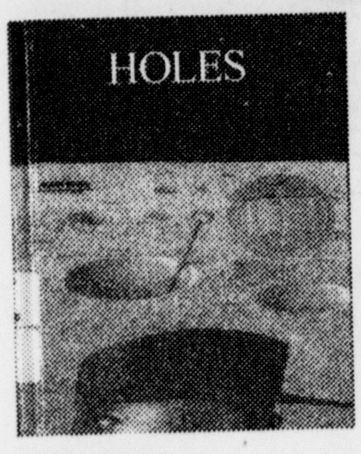
(Poll was answered by 109 students on the week of May 12th.)

Yes:	**26%**
No:	**39%**
Yes, under certain circumstances:	**26%**
No Opinion:	**9%**
Don't Know:	**0%**

Features & Lifestyles

Summer Reading Review

Recommended reading from Review staffers

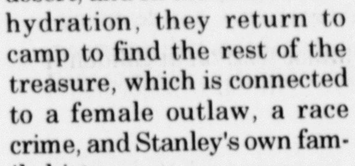


Book: *Holes*
Author: Louis Sachar
Genre: Realistic fiction
Pages: 233
Rating: 3 stars

Recently premiering as a screen adaptation, *Holes* is the story of Stanley Yelnats, a teenage boy who is sent to Camp Green Lake, (which is not an actual lake, but a scorching hot desert) for stealing a famous baseball player's shoes that were being sold for charity. At the juvenile detention center, Stanley and the other boys are supposed to dig holes that are five feet wide and five feet deep in order to build character. The warden has an underlying reason for having the boys dig holes; she hopes they will find some 19th century treasure. Stanley befriends a boy named Zero and teaches him how to read. In return, Zero digs Stanley's holes every day. Zero gets in trouble for digging Stanley's hole, and they run away. Stanley and Zero help each other survive in the blazing desert, and on the brink of dehydration, they return to camp to find the rest of the treasure, which is connected to a female outlaw, a race crime, and Stanley's own family history.

Holes is an inspiring story that involves adventure and suspense that keeps the reader guessing what will happen next. I won't spoil the ending, but I will say that it is a good one. I enjoyed the end because it is an ambiguous ending, and lets readers use their imagination to decide what will become of Zero, Stanley, and Stanley's family.

- Amanda Floriano

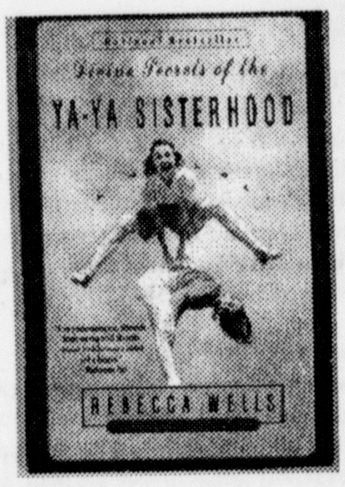


Book: *The Third Eye*
Author: Lois Duncan
Genre: Supernatural fiction
Pages: 220
Rating: 3 stars

Though *The Third Eye* jumps from story to story, it really is more like three short stories tied together. You have to read each story carefully and not skip any pages because all three of the stories are linked together. In the first tale, the reader is introduced to Karen Connors, 17. She is baby-sitting at a friend's house for two young children when one of them does not return back home for lunch. Karen feels responsible and goes looking for Bobby Zenners, 7. As the suspense begins to build, Karen has visions of where Bobby might be. This is a new experience to Karen, but not to her family. Karen's visions get stronger throughout the stories. In the second story, a character named Officer Wilson begins to realize her powers and takes her to a house where there is another missing child. Karen still cannot believe that she is a psychic, but accepts her power when she finds another missing child. These visions happen when she is concentrating on a person, but they also drain Karen of her energy.

The last short story is the longest of the three. Karen is volunteering at a day-care center where she is in charge of watching the infants. A woman talks to Karen and soon takes her somewhere in her car. Later that day, the woman and man go to the center and kidnap the infants. The couple takes them out to the woods and they sell the infants on the adoption black market. Karen has visions of where they are going, but cannot identify the place. Officer Wilson comes by and begs her for help. Karen is soon forced to make a decision between her parents or helping the officer find the infants. This book deserves three stars because the three short stories all are interesting and build together, keeping the reader guessing what will happen next. It is almost like a mystery novel.

- Heather Yip



Book: *The Divine Secrets Of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*
Author: Rebecca Wells
Genre: Realistic fiction
Pages: 356
Rating: 3.5 stars

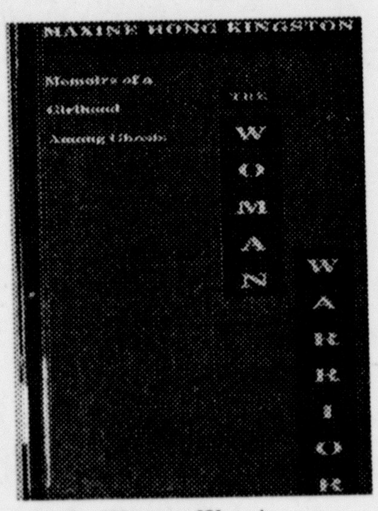
The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood is a very fun, insightful, adventurous book that enables the reader to experience Siddalee Walker's life. On the surface, it appears Siddalee was having fun in her childhood with her mom, ViVi, and her friends, the Ya-Ya's. The Ya-Ya's are four women who grew up together in Louisiana and have been friends for fifty years. The Ya-Ya's and their children seemed to have lived the perfect life... During the summer, the Ya-Ya's would all go down to the local creek and drink bloody Mary's, while the sixteen children, known as the petite Ya-Ya's, swam.

The novel begins with Siddalee's mom, Vivi, who becomes very angry with Siddalee because in the *New York Times* Siddalee is quoted saying, "my mom was one of the most charming wounded people in the world, and my mom beat her children with a belt constantly." Vivi disowns her daughter which creates a schism between mother and daughter that must be resolved by the remaining Ya-Ya's. Caro, Necie and Teensy convince Vivi to send Siddalee the Ya-Ya's scrapbook of their childhood memories.

Meanwhile, Siddalee is held up at a secluded cabin and has postponed her wedding, while trying to understand why she can't maintain emotional relationships. During her seclusion, Siddalee is introduced to Vivi's secrets, which are revealed using flashbacks of Siddalees's childhood experiences. The scrapbook helps Siddalee unwind her issues surrounding marriage. Siddalee writes to her mom in a letter: "I don't know what I'm doing. I just don't know how to love," and says she doesn't know if she should marry her fiance at all. Siddalee and her mom are eventually reunited and she becomes part of the Ya –Ya sisters. Vivi convinced her daughter to still marry her fiancé,Conner.

The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood is a great book. It was full of humor and surprises. If you are looking for a novel that is funny, witty, sad, and exciting, this is the one for you. It is ultimately a story about how someone's life could be and how you can make it better.

- Sarah Liden



Book: *Woman Warrior*
Author: Maxine Hong Kingston
Genre: Autobiographical fiction
Pages: 209
Rating: 3 stars

Woman Warrior deserves three stars. It was an excellent book, well-written, and interesting. However, sometimes it does get confusing, so that you don't know what is real and what is a story. Students, especially Asian ones, may enjoy this book since it tells why the culture is so reserved and why it is so superstitious.

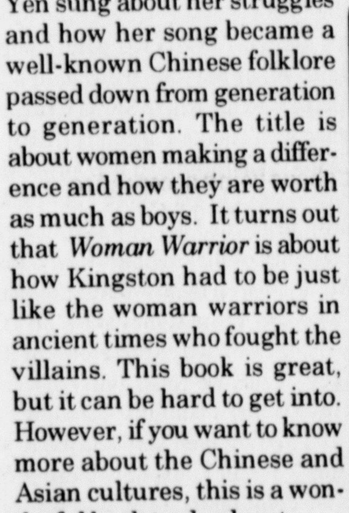
This book is a fictionalized autobiography about how Maxine Hong Kingston struggled living with her parents when they always seemed to hate her. Readers, however, should know that it is the Chinese way to say things that are opposite of what they mean. For example, if a Chinese person calls you ugly, they really mean that you're beautiful. Parents would say that because it is traditional and cultural to confuse the spirits or gods. The beginning of the book is set in China with the stories of the Han village. The reader learns how Maxine's aunt, the 'no name aunt', brought disgrace to her family by having a child by someone other than her husband. She was so dishonored that she killed herself in a well. The only way her daughters could bring back honor to their families back in China was to have a son or to become a warrior, since girls were considered bothersome and not needed. Often families sold their daughters as slaves or housewives.

"There's no profit in raising girls. Better to raise geese than girls," says one immigrant about disobedient girls.

The book also includes interesting Chinese traditions about giving birth in a pig pen so that the gods won't take your newborn away, girls binding their feet so that they stayed small, and cutting part of a child's tongue to make him say more pleasant things. Kingston had to grow up in the U.S. with all these traditions from a place she didn't know or live in. The next section of the book is about the 'real world' where Kingston's family owns a laundry mat in San Francisco. It tells how Kingston struggled in school because she spoke so quietly. She even had to go to speech therapy, even though she had no problems speaking. The section relates the struggles the Chinese had when they arrived on the West Coast since everything was so different: the culture, language, and customs. Also the Chinese had the lowest jobs with little pay, such as owning restaurants, typing for businessmen, owning laundries, and picking fruit. Kingston always tried to fit in with all the other groups like the Mexican and the white people, "ghosts," but they thought she was weird and quiet. Most of the Chinese people from the Han village believed that everything was a ghost: the mailman ghost, white ghost, sitting ghost, and milkman ghost. So when the Chinese people say something about a ghost, they are referring to an object or a being. They view them as something that they don't understand and should beware of.

The story ends with a courageous poetess, Ts'ai Yen. Yen sung about her struggles and how her song became a well-known Chinese folklore passed down from generation to generation. The title is about women making a difference and how they are worth as much as boys. It turns out that *Woman Warrior* is about how Kingston had to be just like the woman warriors in ancient times who fought the villains. This book is great, but it can be hard to get into. However, if you want to know more about the Chinese and Asian cultures, this is a wonderful book to check out.

- Tammy Ma



Book: *Go Ask Alice.*
Author: Anonymous
Genre: Realistic fiction
Pages: 185
Rating: 3 stars

Go Ask Alice is a diary of a girl who is only fifteen and gets thrown into the world of drugs and alcohol. During her summer vacation, she goes to visit her grandma back at the place where her family used to live. At a party, LSD is slipped in her soda, and Alice finds she likes getting high. Alice goes home, meets more druggies, and completely loses control. At one point, she is so stoned that she doesn't know whether she is a girl or a guy.

I really liked this book because it shows the reality of some teens' lives. Although there are still some questions as to whether the book is real or fictional, it really feels true, because it is written in first person, by an anonymous author and some dates, names, and places aren't mentioned. It may even be a great lesson to those who are on the verge of ruining their lives by doing drugs.

Not so sunny after all

Not everyone looks forward to the summer

By Shalini Sumeshwar, Features Editor and Pritika Chand, Staff Writer

When we were little, summer was about the trips to the river, dips in the pool, and chasing down the ice cream truck. Yet this idyllic image is far from reality for many teens. With age has come responsibility. Summer has become a time for either working under the watch of a blazing sun, or sitting around a burning heat bubble of the Sacramento Valley. Many times summers were a time when kids could relax, when teens had no worries, yet many students disagree with this assumption. "Summer, ughh! It's so hot here... I hate staying in the house, and I really don't need a tan!" exclaimed sophomore Nakhter Ahad. Freshman Evelyn William agreed, "I get so bored, there's nothing to do around here during summer, and it so hot!"

For some students, the dismay of summer is far deeper than the heat. An anonymous, would-be senior, "Richard," has months of toil ahead of him. A few weeks ago he was kicked out of his house. Like most teens he got into a stormy argument with his parents, and he ended up moving into his friend's apartment. "Right now he is letting me stay for free, but soon I need to pay him something, but I don't know how I will. I can't find a job," he explained. "This is why I stopped going to school. I have so many things to pay for: a car, phone, house, food, and gas. Finishing school just didn't seem possible right now." He hopes that through a summer of hard work, he can somehow catch up next year and perhaps graduate. "Richard" won't be the only one working to support himself all summer. One junior, "Carey," is planning to get married in June. "I'm 17, but after my wedding we're on our own, and I know the first months will be the hardest," she predicted. On the other hand, a large majority of students will be doing the exact opposite: absolutely nothing. "There is not much to do. It's so boring just sitting in the house," exclaimed junior Shawn Prasad. Junior Roberto Magna agreed, "I'd rather be here at school!" However, for other students, summer school is also on the list of dreaded summer activities. "It puts a dent in all of my summer plans," sighed sophomore Luis Guitez. While some of us complain so much about how little there is to do during summer, at least many of us can also be grateful that we don't serious burdens, and we celebrate our final days of youth frolicking in the sun.

University-Bound Seniors

Aksar, Maria	CSUS
Baker, Athena	CSUS
Ben, David	CSUS/ San Francisco State
Branaman, Ivy	UC Davis/ UC Berkeley
Briggs, Leanne	CSUS/ UC Davis/ Berkeley
Carriker, Amanda	UC Davis/ CSUS
Carter, Laura	CSUS
Chandra, Anita	CSUS/ CSU San Francisco
Cheechov, Anna	UC Irvine/ CSUS
Duran, Estella	CSUS
Eszlinger, Eric	UC Davis
Federighi, Rachel	CSUS
Floriano, Amanda	CSUS
Fonbuena, Michael	US Navel Academy
Font, Ivan	UC Davis,US Nava AcademyPrep
Geivett, Tyler	CSUS/ UC Davis/ UC SB/ UC Irvine
Hansen, Dominique	UC Davis/ UCLA/ UC San Diego/ UC Santa Barbara
Kakar, Sabrina	CSUS/ UC Davis
Koell, Katie	CSUS/ CSU Chico/ CSU Stanislaus/CSU San Francisco/ UC Riverside
	UC Santa/UC Davis
Kumar, Arti	CUSUS
Kumar, Priya	CSUS, UC Santa Cruz
Lee, Samantha	CSU Chico
Lopez, Desiree	CSUS
Mercado, Lory	CSUS
Montez, Victoria	CSUS
Moreno, Nancy	UC Davis/CSUS
Navarro, Elenna	CSUS/CSU Chico/CSU Sonoma
Niazi, Torpakei	CSUS
Novinsky, Veronica	CSUS/ UC Davis
Orcutt, Richelle	CSUS, Mills College
Patel, Bhaves	CSUS
Redlich, Marti	CSUS
Reynolds, Daniel	UC Berkeley/ UCLA/ UC San Diego/ US Davis
Russo, Brian	U of Rochester/ UC San Diego/ UC Davis/ CSUS
Saeturn, Pow	CSUS
Semeryuk, Olga	CSUS
Soto, Lizzette	UC Santa Cruz/ CSUS
Stockdale, Megan	CSU Sonoma State
Sysa, Svetlana	CSUS
Tacdol, Bridgette	CSUS
Usray, Kayla	CSUS/ CSU Chico/ CS Long Beach
Valdez, Nahdxyeli	UC Davis/ UC Berkeley/ UC San Diego/ UCLA/ CSUS
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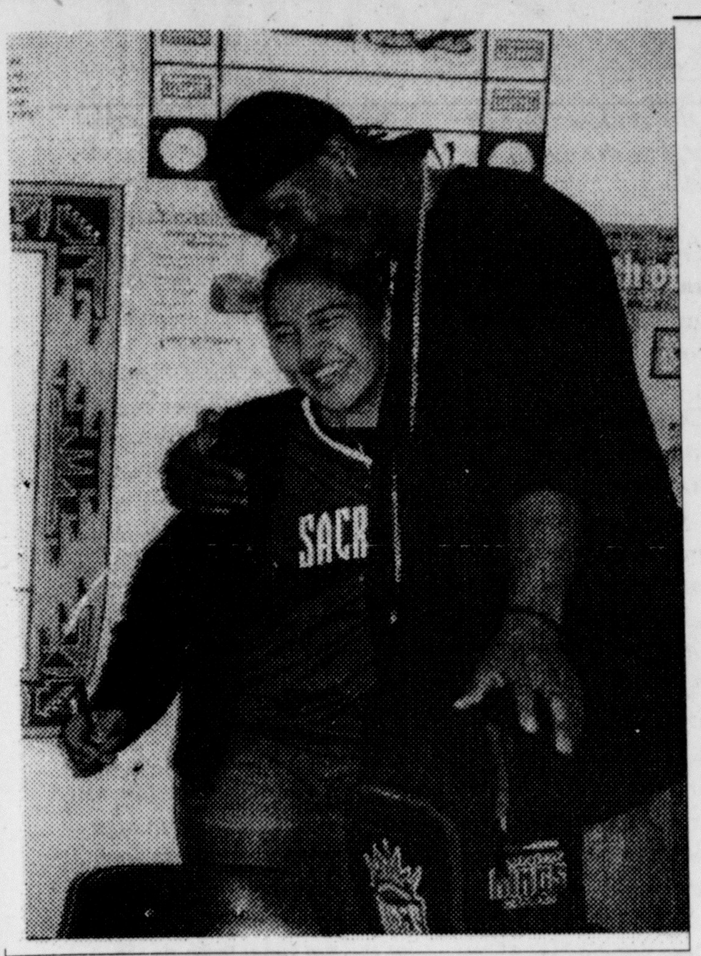

Gerald Wallace comes to R.C.

On Thursday May 1, Sacramento Kings player, Gerald Wallace paid a visit to RCHS student Lexxsi Bojorques. Mr. Podesta set up the appearance as a reward for Lexxsi's grades. A Kings guard and small forward, Wallace came to our campus and was escorted to Lexxsi's class, where he gave her a Sacramento Kings backpack and autographed ball. He also signed one of his shoes to give to the school. Twenty-year-old Wallace, who at 6'7" towered above the students, had a soft-spoken piece of advice for Ms. Dreezen's math students: "Stay In School."

After meeting Lexxsi's dad and mom, Wallace left campus. Against the wishes of their teachers, some students that left their classes caught glimpses of the Kings player, and even got autographs. Lexxsi said, "It was overwhelming because meeting someone like him is a rare occurrence."

R.C. Athletes chosen to play the optimistic all-star games

By Manorma Umaria
Sports Editor

The Optimistic All-Star chose three of River City's athletes to participate in their annual games, Senior Katie Koell for (softball) Jason DeMars for (football) and Josh Vonneld for (Baseball) These students will play with other students from Divisions 1 and 2, in a north against south match. When asked senior Josh Vonneld how he felt about being accepted to the optmistic game, he said, "Iam suprised and honored to support my school." Coaches nominated particular students, who were then are chosen by the all-star organization. This is the first time ever in River City history that R.C. athletes have been chosen to participate in the all star-game. "I am really excited," said senior Katie Koell. This year the all-star games will be at, Redwood park, on Twenty-seventh Street in downtown Sacramento at 7:00pm.

New batting cages in West Sac. help improve your skills

By Tiffany Pina
Staff Writer

West Sacramento now has a new program to help softball and baseball players improve their skills this summer. The program runs 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This program is run by Tracy Brown and takes place at the Tracy Brown Softball School located in Triangle Court in the newer buildings way in the back.

At the softball school, there are five coaches and instructors willing to help softball players improve their sills in all areas from pitching, hitting, and fielding.

At the facility, there are several batting cages for softball and baseball. There also is a pitching area where instructors are ready to help out softball pitchers and catchers strengthen their weaknesses.

Even though the cages are mostly for softball players, the West Sacramento boys baseball teams are using the facility to practice. "The cages are really close to home and it's always good to take a few swings," says Zac Ring.

There also is a camp where girls from many different teams will come and work on the fundamentals of softball with several really experienced coaches. To get more information on the summer programs, go to the softball school.

Spring concert features music, awards

By Ashley Coulombe
Staff Writer

On Thursday May 15, the sound of music was in the air, as River City had their annual spring concert. Although this year's concert was scheduled on the same day as the Kings sixth playoff game, there was a good turnout of people.

The concert started with choir singing *Dance, Dance, Dance!*, by Mary Donnelly. Chelsea Farnworth, Nahum Zdybel, Keith Penny, and Pete Agraan accompanied the choir. Chelsea Farnworth accompanied them on their next song, *Agnus Dei*, by Strid.

The Advanced Vocal Ensemble followed with *I Gave My Love A Pretty Little Ring*, by Katherine K. Davis, with a solo by Xyrus Apostol. Next was the fast *Banquet Fugue*, by John Rutter. Their final song was a spiritual called *Hitch A Ride*, by Marry Donne.

The Symphonic and Beginning bands then played *Green Onions*. They then played *Steinberg & Jackson*. Symphonic band its self-played *Themes from Capriccio Espagnol*, by Rimsky-Korsakoff arranged by Johnson.

The Syncopating Sea-Monkeys finished off the night by first playing *Bourbon St. Parade* with solos by Krista Penny, Jimmy Wolf, Keith Penny, Patrick Farnworth, Juan Beus, and Pete Agraan. *Up The Lazy River*, featuring Krista Penny on clarinet, and solos by Jimmy Wolf, Patrick Farnworth, and Nahum Zdybel followed. David Ben, Samantha Washum, Wrenda Rogers, Patrick Farnwoth, and Pete Agraan soloed on the next song, *Caravan*. Finishing off the evening. The Sea-Monkeys played *Milenburg Joys*, with solos by Wrenda Rogers, David Ben, Gabriel Padilla, Patrick farnwoth, Samantha Washum, and Chelsea Farnworth. All songs were arranged by The Syncopating Sea-Monkeys.

Following each groups performance, Ms. Alleger handed out awards to students who had show exceptional work in their class. Their fellow classmates voted these awards.

On separate note, The Syncopating Sea-Monkeys recently filmed a commercial for the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee. They played at the annual traditional music festival on Memorial Day weekend. The commercial was aired the week before and the days of the festival on Channel 13.

R.C. team tennis hopes to win playoffs

By Manorma Umaria
Sports Editor

With eight consecutive championships, and winning the CVC league. River City tennis team is in the playoffs. As of meantime, the team is in the middle of the playoffswith a record of 22-0. Unfortunately last year they came close to winning the playoffs, but lost to..... The team's challenge has always been Vanden. They have defeated Vanden several times, yet they need to again during the playoffs. Top players on the team include Nikki Hansen, Bhaves Patel, Sen Sateurn, Irina Istomin, Micheal Sateurn, Cheng Saeteurn and Aseng Saecho. So far Nai Saelee and Nikki Hansen won the girl's doubles section, Cheng Sateurn and Aseng Saecho won league boy's double section, and Sen Sateurn and Bhaves Patel won second in the boy's double section.

"The team is doing very well. We have a lot of juniors this year, and we lost many seniors, but we are still seem to be doing very well," commented Coach Brooks. Because they have...juniors, many people thought that the tennis team wouldn't do to well, but everyone was proven wrong. One of their greatest strength turns out to be the amount of depth the team has. Good luck R.C. Raiders and congratulate on a great season this year.

Golf

This year's River City golf team is thriving for a hole in one. The golf team has won more games than lost. Out of a nine hole game the team hopes to have the lower score at the end to win yet another match. Some golfers that having been standing out and doing great during the matches, are four of the returning players, D.J. West, Joey Avalos, Will McCall, and Matt Oliver. They have their last two matches at the Lighthouse golf course on April 22nd and April 30th. The most improved golfers are Jacob Geivett, and Paul White. Coach Warnsman says "The team will be much better next year because they will have seniors on the team next year". Most of the team next season will have experience do to the fact that there will be returning seniors.

- Sarah Linden

Swimming

River City's swim team ended with a record of 4-4 girls and 1-5 boys They had about 6 swimmers. For next season the team will have more experience, because the swim team this year had five new swimmers. Freshman Lizzie Harris explained, "this season was really fun, hopefully next year will be the same." Next year the R.C. team is looking forward to having a great season, since they have built up talent. They built their talent by working everyday at practice and at the swim meets.

- Sarah Liden
Staff Writer

Baseball

Coming off of a recent win against Dixon, the junior varsity baseball team is currently 5-4 in league. In the game against Dixon, sophomore Ryan Chadwick said, "We did great batting and our defense is doing just the same." Towards the end of the game, Larry Aeson hit a ball that "went over the center fielder's head" and secured the win, 5-2. Along with great defense and offense, Chadwick believes the captains, as well as the new coach, are helping the team get fired up and ready to play. "The two captains, freshmen Ray Perez and Tim Avalos, get the team fired up for the games," says Chadwick. He also explained that the hard work that their coach gets from them in practice has helped them out in games. "Coach Angle wants us to do our best and stresses a lot of conditioning and defense. It helps the team out a lot," explained Chadwick. As the spring sports season enters the second half of league, the j.v. Baseball team has great opportunities ahead.

- Tara Shuster
Staff Writer

Track and Field

The end of the season brought a record of 1-7 for the whole track team, a 1-3 record for the girls and 0-4 for the boys. While the team had individuals showing like Felecia Kelly, Aaron Garner, and Ricky Bandhu who were getting stronger and better, the team just fizzled out at the end.

The team could have competed in more meets and possibly done better at the end of the season if they had more players to compete in the different events, but R.C's resurrected team had only 13 athletes on it.

Junior Aaron Garner received the Most Valuable Player award, but no one received the Most Improved Player award. Mrs. Dreezen and Mr. Johnson hope to have athletes on the team next year, so it can compete in all the events.

- Sarah Liden
Staff Writer

Softball

The River City girl's softball teams ended their seasons with strong record of 10-15 for varsity, and 17-6-3 for J.V. Coach Hatz states, "Our seniors will be hugely missed, they provided leadership and balance."

Two of the seniors who contributed greatly to the team this season and will be recognized are: Valentina Osborne and Katie Koell.

Valentina received an award for most valuable defensive player. Katie received an award for most valuable offensive player.

The varsity team will have a returning pitcher and catcher as well as the outfielders, creating a solid start for next season's team. The team will need to find some new infield players with solid experience as well as work with some of the less experienced players. "The J.V. team was extremely successful this season, which should help transfer up to varsity," said Ms. Hatz.

The junior varsity softball team also had a great season. The most valuable player for offense was Amy Sateurn. the most valuable player for defense was Tiffany Pina, and the Susan Pohler award was given to Brittany Oliphant.

The team had a few ups and downs but overall they played up to their potential. Both of the J.V.'s coaches explained, "we have a great team. We're looking forward to coming back next year and coaching for this great group of athletes." This years coaches for J.V. were new, but they did their job correctly, by teaching their players fundamentals and to increase their skills.

Girl's soccer

Despite several injuries in the middle of the season to both teams, the R.C. Soccer teams tried their best and did an exceptional job. "Our team did better than its record, and next year's team will live up to their potential," commented Coach Restivo. The overall score for the varsity team was 2-7-3, and they were tied for 5th place. J.V.'s overall record was 0-12. The J.V. team had little experience, but they showed huge improvement over the season. "I am really proud that they stayed and tried hard," said Restivo. If all goes well, the J.V. team will continue to improve and be a great team next year and will do well.

- Manorma Umaria
Sports Editor

Clubs and Activities

In May and June, **Leadership** students carried out many activities. On May 5th, they helped Ms. Broxton organize a dark rally for all students with a G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher in the gym. Students with 4.0 or higher were given a glow in the dark necklace and bracelet, and students with 3.5 were given a bracelet. At the rally, the top ten graduating seniors from River City sat in the front stage. Starting May 6-9, 2003, Leadership videotaped seniors "thank you" messages to their parents, family, friends, and teachers. There was a talent show for all the students in the quad on May 23rd. Lastly, Leadership is having the last dance of the year, the Aloha Dance on May 30th.

The **BEST** Club had their presentation on Swainsons Hawks Project on May 19th at the California State University, Sacramento, during Best Club award night. This presentation was for the Port of Sacramento, Chevron, and the students of Woodland High School.

Sadly, the **French Club**'s plan to go to the Culinary Institute in San Francisco was cancelled. It turns out the Culinary Institute only allows high school seniors to attend; unfortunately, the French club has a mixture of students at all grade levels. The students plan to go to a French restaurant in Folsom. The price will be $50-$60 dollars per person. Now the French club seniors are applying for the French club scholarship to use for college, with the money they had earned over recent years.

The **Jazz Band** is playing in a music festival at Golden Empire. They also performed at the Spring Concert with A.V.E, the advanced choir. In additional, the Music Department is having a field trip to Great America, Vallejo.

On Wednesday, May 21, 2003, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. **M.E.Ch.A** sponsored the CommuniCare Peer Education Program, with RCHS Outreach. The purpose was to provide a forum for discussion and community awareness about a variety of teen issues, education and resources for youth and their families, and to serve as an avenue to advertise local youth services. Many agencies showed up with booths and tables to advertise and distribute information. Snacks, beverages, and dessert were provided. There was also music and prize raffle.

Finally, **TARGET** (Teens At Risk-Getting Educated about Tobacco) program helped a total of 600 students at River City during the 2002-2003 school year. Freshman Kharisma Van Fleet said, "I thought it was good because they told you what could happen and all the consequences about smoking and what could happen in the future...a lot of my family died from smoking and I thought I didn't want to die at a young age...I don't do it as much, I'm trying to stop."

Since last year, TARGET increased the number of students reached by about 25 percent. The program keeps student's names confidential as they educate them about the dangers of tobacco. Students who were caught on campus with of a tobacco product were required to attend a weekly class every Friday during school for eight weeks. For students who voluntarily got help from the program, they received assistance every Friday during late and early lunch.

- Xai Vang and Lucy Mendoza
Staff Writers

Senior Wills

I, Natalie Aguilar, leave behind my positive attitude, good memories and laughs to my underclassman friends. I leave my determination, hard work and best wishes to MEChA. Good luck next year. Much love and many smiles to you all. Thanks for the good times.

I, Erika J. Arzola, leave to my underclassman friends my good sense of humor and eagerness to learn. To all the teachers and staff, I leave my thanks and appreciation for all their hard work. To the high-schoolers to be, stay focused and good luck on your four years. To the class of 2003, congratulations.

I, Athena Baker, leave to my boyfriend Kyle Fisher my heart and soul, to Jennifer Hoffman our good times and laughter. To Tyler Baker I leave the glory of our last name. To Mr. Duff and the Drama family I leave my thanks and love. To the underclassmen I leave all the joy of River City. To anyone I forgot I leave them apologies.

I, Kenny Baker, leave the FYS dynasty behind for Dose. I leave my spot on senior hill to Rigo and the crew. I leave all my good memories to the remaining **I, Claudia Banuelos**, leave behind my best wishes to my friends. To Mr. Leffler, I promise to take your advice: I won't be a "stupid adult". To Mrs. McMahen, thanks for being so tough on us on doing our work. Mr. Pina, one of these days I am going to bring to you a Bunuelo. And my last name is not a dessert. And good luck to all the students.

I, Micaela Barbosa, leave behind to Tenisa and Natalie my loudness, laughter and my smile that lasts everyday. To Angelica I leave you my strength. One day you will be able to face the challenges you go through now. " I Love You". To the underclassmen I leave you my crazy memories and our 2003 spirit.

I, David Ben, leave to my sister, the knowledge of my mistakes and luck for her next three years. To my friends, I leave the memories of the good times, bad times, crying, and the laughter. To the music department and Mrs. Alleger, I leave the stress, along with the heart that goes into the music. To everyone else, I leave my courage to be you no matter what anyone else thinks.

I, Alma Susie Brambila, leave my laughter and good memories to my brother and underclassmen. To the two school resource officers Angle and Estrada, thanks for helping me light a path to my future with what I want to become. To my family and friends, thanks for all your support through my education. I love you all and thanks for always making me smile. you a big thanks for everything you've done. To the class of 2003 I wish you luck in the future. Congrats! Peace out brownie!

I, Leanne Briggs, leave my math skills to Tara, I leave my good grades to Roza, and my softball skills to Mary. To Mrs. Higgins I leave my love for math and finally to next year's team I leave my advice that if you're not the memories and fun times. To the class of 2007, it's not easy being green. To Baker, I leave all the laughs we shared.

I, Amanda Carriker, leave to the underclassmen all my spirit and humor. To Mrs. Tyler, II leave all the memories and fun times. To the cloass of 2007, it's not easy being green. To Baker, I leave all the laughs we shared.

I, Laura Carter, leave to Kristina my mad leadership skills, good luck. To my successor I leave patience and understanding. To my friends I leave my love. To leadership the power to be the best you can be in everything. Costanza, I leave you the ability to breathe and understand that not all people can be leaders. To the underclassmen I leave the good times of high school. And to the c/o 2003 the knowledge that we are the best class to be.the memories and fun times. To the class of 2007, it's not easy being green. To Baker, I leave all the laughs we shared.

I, Edma Cisneros, leave my brother and little sister the strength to finish your dreams. To the softball team I leave my heart and love for the game. To the underclassmen, I leave my best wishes.

I, Ashley Coulombe, leave my crazy antics and my ability to the annoying yet loveable Jen and Chamille. I leave all my French and government homework to Lexi. To Ms. Connolly I'll share, not leave you, my memories with your class. To next year's A.V.E. I leave spot as well as great wishes for you all. To next year's yearbook class I leave you all the deadlines and stresses. Finally, to the class of 2003 I wish you the best for the future.

I, Esthela Duran, leave Cristi my love and best wishes for her senior year, Zeddie my sharp pencil and wise advice, Cory my art skills. To Mr. Dennis a set of soap operas and after school specials. To Mrs. McMahen her new name: Karen. To Mr. McPherson, an unforgettable attendance record. To the R.C. hallways I leave the memories of me trying to make my way across. To Ms. Alderete thanks for teaching me my beautiful Spanish.

I, Jose Duran, I leave my good humor and uniqueness to my brother Eddy. I leave my heart and brain for my little sis Jenny. To all the underclassmen I leave my laid back style.

I, Patrick Farnworth, leave all of the underclassmen the best of luck these next few years. To Coach Baker, I leave him my wishes and the best of luck in coaching and teaching through the years. Also to the underclassmen and incoming students, I leave you with my strength and determination to succeed. I'll remember you all through the years and good luck.

I, Brittny Farris, leave to the underclassmen live loudness and spirit. Underclassmen, I hope us seniors made high school fun for you. Underclassmen, your high school life to the fullest or you will regret it. Teachers: Connolly, Costanza, Leffler, McMahen, Sanborn, King, and Wernsmen, thank you for everything! Bye.

I, Amanda Floriano, leave Jamaica to Heather and Shannon, a neverending supply of frappes to Christina, Grandpa to Tasha, and my heart full of love to Wayne.

I, Ivan Font, leave all my thanks to the counselors of River City. I leave my hopes and best wishes to my younger brother, Yamil Font. I would like to thank my friends for all of the good times we've had. For the class of 2003, my best wishes goes out to all of you.

I, Shannon Fristoe, leave the underclassmen my memories. To the cheerleaders, I leave my smile and my voice. To all my teachers, I leave my thanks. To the seniors of next year, good luck.

I, Tyler Geivett, leave to my underclassman friends my sense of humor and my knowledge. Cheech, I leave second base to you. To Seffens, I leave my thanks for all the good times and memories. To the class of 2004, 2005, and 2006, I leave my advice: "High School is like toilet paper, you only miss it when it's gone. Make the best of your high school years." To Jacob, I leave my good looks and shaggy hair. Mrs. Tyler, I leave you my hair also; it can fill your bald spot.

I, Justin Hunt, leave Coach Ferris all my great wrestling skills and the pink singlet picture. Gregory Rodriguez, I leave all those times we partied. To all the other underclassmen, you guys can only try to be as good as the class of "03."

I, Felicia Kelly, leave behind many spontaneous memories. To Ms. Costanza, thanks for all you've done for me. To my true friends, you know who you are. Thank you for being you. And to my mom, thank you for being a world-class mom! Good luck to the class of 2004!

I, Katie Koell, leave Mrs. Higgins with my definition of fun, my good times and memories to my brother Brian, my hope to Coach Hatz, and my heart, dedication, and desire to next year's varsity softball team.

I, Priya Kumar, leave my brother and friends good luck and the good memories. I leave my thanks to all my teachers. I leave my thanks and appreciation to my brother Mouveen for standing up for me. Good luck and have fun next year.

I, Desiree Lopez, leave my heart and drive to succeed to Mary. I leave my smile and laughter to Ally, my mad volleyball hops! To the underclassmen, clothes that fit. To Hatz, I leave all of the memories good and bad and the knowledge that some students care. To the Class of 2004 I leave the best of wishes.

I, Kristi Mathews, leave to my closest friends staying here and moving on, my memories and love and strength. To my favorite teacher, Mme Connolly, I leave my smile and dimples and my Munchkin voice. To Mrs. Tyler, I'm the last one left of the Mathews family and I would like to leave my memories of them with you. To everyone don't forget... 2003 is the best class to be!!!

I, Versha Patel, leave to my softball girls my heart and pride. To my little "sisters" and "brothers" my smile, hugs and memories, to my girls and boys I give my love. Coach Hatz, I give you a big thanks for every thing you've done. To the class of 2003 I wish you luck in the future. Congrats! Peace out Brownie!

I, Natalie Prjenlotzky, leave to my brother Alexey my accomplishments. I leave to Monique Delgado my memories. To Heather Holder I leave the soccer team. To the underclassman I leave my strength to succeed.

I, Lorenna Pulido, leave to my counselor Mrs. Tyler, my heart. You are a great woman,and I will miss you. To my classmates and friend, I leave thanks for wonderful friendships and great memories from all four years. To Mrs. Alleger, I leave a great four years in music and a special thanks. One last thing to say. "Never give up."

I, Daniel W. Reynolds, leave the stress of procrastination to the underclassmen. To the teachers, I leave the harmonic sounds of spontaneous singing. Most importantly and difficult, I leave my heart in the hands of Guadalupe Zuniga.

I, Martina S. Santos, leave to my underclassmen a friendly smile and always try your best. To the teachers, I give thanks for putting up with my bad attitude. Also for the memories to the students, the teachers, and my friends my best wishes.

I, Monika Sharma, leave to my friends my sweet voice and smile. To all the teachers, I leave my thanks. To the students on next year, I leave my best wishes and good luck.

I, Sima Sharma, leave my thanks to all my teachers. To the students of next year, I wish you all the best.

I, Crystal Snow, leave countless hours of babysitting to my sister Nicole.

I, Christina Soto, leave to all my teachers my gratitude and thanks. Ms. Carlisle, I leave my uttermost respect and thanks you being an excellent teacher. Mr. Reed, I leave you my niceness! Ms. Allan, Mrs. Mejia-Hays, Mrs. Ransom "Sandoval" Ms. Tyler, And Ms. Costanza, I leave my memories and thanks for all you have done for me. I'll truly miss you! C/O 04, I leave you my wisdom and spirit. To the underclassmen, I leave my dedication and best wishes. To Carol and Amanda, Where's Emma? To my friends, I leave my love, memories, respect, and best of luck. Thank you for all the irreplaceable memories. Journalism class, I leave patience and my writing skills. Last but not least, I leave the C/O 2003 the best of luck. Remember that we are the best class to be! Congratulations!

I, Lizzette Soto, leave to my brother Michael Soto good luck. To Mr. Restivo, I leave my thanks for four years of soccer.

I, Megan Stockdale, leave Leadership my decorating wisdom, poster making skills, and my contagious exuberance. To Costanza, I leave my patience and my love. Jenn, I leave you all the memories of the last sixteen years. To Andy, you get all my laughs and goofiness. I leave all my respect, thanks, and honor to all the teachers and staff. Underclassmen, I leave you all the fun, make most of these years. 2003 will always be the best class to be.

I, Amanda Stratfull, leave behind the courage it took me to get through these four years for everyone who still has to do it. To my teachers, I leave good luck and warm smiles from all your new students. To my friend who are graduating, I leave you my love and friendship for a lifetime.

I, Johnny Sweeten, leave to all my friends the good times we had and many memories. To all my teachers especially Ms. Broxton, Mr. Ferris, Juan, Medina, Ms. Tyler, and Coach B a huge thank you. To my brother Joey, I leave you my Powerlifter title. Mom and Dad, I leave you guys a big hug for everything. Mike, I leave you the whole wrestling team to beat up on you.

I, Bridgette Tacdol, leave to the best cheerleading squad ever our smiles, laughs, and determination the be the best! HOLLA! To leadership, I leave my Mexican Martha Stewart skills. To Costanza, I leave my love and support for next year. To Erin, Billy, and Nate, I leave all of our good times and a big fat MULLET! Tear it up next year! To Hel, I leave my flying skills and a little dedo! To the staff, I leave my gratitude and thanks, go WTA! Lastly, to the underclassmen & class of 2004 good luck, and always remember 2003 is the best class to be.

I, Kyle Taylor, leave behind wisdom to my younger classmen a girl. I hope you guys and gals make RCHS your home, a place that will make you a better person. To my girlfriend, stay up on your schoolwork so you can graduate to come to me.

I, Ristina Tilson, leave to my brother and the class of 2007 our spirit and enthusiasm. Keep the green alive! Underclassmen, you only get one time in high school. Live it up while you have a chance. Mullet, I leave you patience and the memory of the fun times with us. To River City, I leave the loudness, the laughter, and the funtimes to you by the class of 2003. You won't be the same without us.

I, Anastasia Turkov, leave my best friend Lilly and all my other friends my love and hope to succeed in whatever you do. To my teachers, I leave my thanks and don't give up on that raise. I love you all and leave my best wishes.

I, Kayla Usrey, leave to Spike my Chihuahua snake, my red balloon, and the rain on my parade. To Nikki, I leave my courage and determination to get out of West Sacramento. To Brooklyn, I leave a fork and my bullhorn (you'll need it). Ricky, I leave my smile and laughter. To ST, I leave my braces and to RCHS underclassmen, I leave my best wishes.

I, Xai Vang, leave to my sister, Mai Sheng Vang and my brother Xao Vang, my achievement, my happiness, and my best wishes. To all my underclassmen friends and teachers, I leave my smile and thanks. To River City High School, I leave my memories.

I, Samantha Washam, leave my courage and determination to the underclassmen. To Mrs. Alleger, all the great memories. To the incoming freshmen, I leave my best wishes and finally to my parents I leave my love and thanks.

I, Jenna Vest, leave my underclassmen friends my smile and all memories. To Tammy DeGroot, I leave my thanks and all of the memories. To Kimmy, I leave my heart. To the students of next year, I leave my best wishes.

I, Fawntana Vierra, advise all of the underclassmen to keep a good head on their shoulders because nothing is going to be easy anymore. You have to work ten times harder now. To all my friends and teachers, thank you so much for everything, I don't think I would've made it through this year.

I, Shaun White Brown (White Out), leave everything I have ever done or been at River City High School To Gregory Rodriguez, you're like a little brother, man. Also I leave all my memories to the class of 2003. I leave my way of life and experience to my little brother Jo-Jo. Good luck in the future lil-bro. Its been fun and now I'm out. So peace out. LLLAAATTTEEERRR.

I, Sean Young (Beans), leave my rubber boots to David so he can have as much fun with the goats as I did. Best Wishes.

DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"A Mighty Wind"

Running Time: 90 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

The mockumentary is a style of comedic filmmaking that mimics the style of a documentary. "This Is Spinal Tap," "Zelig," "Waiting for Guffman" and "Best in Show" are all brilliant examples of the genre. If you've seen and enjoyed any of these movies, then "A Mighty Wind" is a movie you will treasure.

"A Mighty Wind," like its predecessors, is a wonderfully funny, intelligent film that will have you laughing out loud long after you've left the theater.

The film centers around Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara as Mitch and Mickey, a former folk duo from the 1960s. After they split, Mickey married a man "in the bladder control industry" who enjoys playing with model trains.

The son of a recently deceased impresario wants to hold a reunion concert featuring Mitch and Mickey and other famous folk acts: The Folksmen (Christopher Guest, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer) and The New Main Street Singers, a "neuftet" of Pollyannish singers who would make the Up With People crowd seem like curmudgeons.

Just as "This Is Spinal Tap" mocked heavy metal by taking the musical style and expertly mimicking it on one hand while slapping it in the face by creating utterly absurd and awful songs, "A Mighty Wind" also painfully recreates the folksy sound of the early '60s and hands the audience a soundtrack of toe-tappingly absurd ditties.

The cast are all brilliant, expert comedic actors who have totally become their characters and draw you into their insane, self-absorbed world. What makes their performances so great is the knowledge that they have improvised all of the dialogue.

"The Folksmen" Harry Shearer, Michael McKean and Christopher Guest

In a time when "comedies" are nothing but exercises in gross-out one-upmanship, it is refreshing to see a comedy that doesn't treat its audience — or its subject — like an idiot.

Grade: B+

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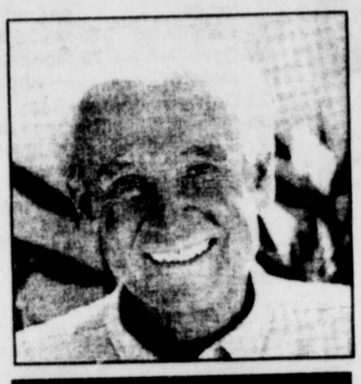
A Conversation with Bob Barker

Bob Barker is in his 31st year as host of the CBS daytime show "The Price Is Right." He also hosts a series of nighttime versions of the show, usually during sweeps months. (His last three prime-time "Million Dollar Spectaculars" in May earned top ratings, making Barker one of the all-time ratings earners in both daytime and nighttime television.)



"The Price Is Right"
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Barker says he's amused when people ask him when he expects to retire.

"I tell them, I'm still carving out my career. You know, it took 46 years from when I first came to Hollywood to make my acting debut on television (he played Mel Harris' father in NBC's 'Something So Right') and a couple of more years before I finally got to do a feature film ('Happy Gilmore' with Adam Sandler). And now I'm waiting for another call to do a movie. I'll be ready if it takes another 46 years."

Barker was born in Washington state but raised on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, where his mother taught school. He came to admire the deep sense of oneness with nature that is an important aspect of the Native American culture, including the respect for animals. A longtime vegetarian, Barker has been among the most avid supporters of animal rights, and was the first game-show host to bar furs as prizes. He also warned officials of the 1987 Miss USA Pageant that if the contestants wore real furs, he wouldn't do the telecast. He won, and synthetic furs were substituted.

"People need to understand that these furs come from animals that had every right to live, and not to be killed — sometimes in horrible ways — for the sake of fashion."

Barker's voice is said to be instantly recognizable anywhere in the world the show has played, and it has never lost its strength and quality.

"I suppose," he says, "that's because I use it quite a lot, but I don't overuse it. It's like being a singer — which I'm not. Singers know when to use their voices and when to rest them. I also think it's because I try to stay in shape. I work out. And I believe my diet — my vegetarian diet," he adds, "is part of keeping myself in shape. And of course, there's the genetic factor. I'm sure I inherited some pretty good genes."

As for how to account for the continuing popularity of "The Price Is Right" (aside from having him as the host, of course), Barker says, "I attribute that largely to the wonderful sense of good will you find in the audience — both at home and those in the studio. For one thing, they're comfortable with the show. They know that they'll always see the contestants treated with respect. No humiliation. No patronizing. No meanness. And a lot of good will to go around. Everyone out there pulls for the contestants to win: They want to see them happy."

Finally, how does he feel that his efforts in behalf of animals persuaded Harvard Law School to establish the Bob Barker Endowment for the Study of Animal Rights Law to support education and research into the subject?

"Honored, of course," Barker says, adding that whenever and wherever we can do something that helps our fellow creatures and protects them against abuse, we also help ourselves grow toward our potential as truly humane human beings.

top 10 movies

1. **X2: X-Men United** .....(PG-13)
Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman
2. **Daddy Day Care** .....(PG)
Eddie Murphy, Steve Zahn
3. **The Lizzie McGuire Movie** (PG)
Hilary Duff, Adam Lamberg
4. **Identity** .....(R)
John Cusack, Jake Busey
5. **Anger Management** .....(PG-13)
Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson
6. **Holes** .....(PG)
Shia La Beouf, Sigourney Weaver
7. **A Mighty Wind** .....(PG-13)
Christopher Guest, Eugene Levy
8. **Malibu's Most Wanted** (PG-13)
Jamie Kennedy, Anthony Anderson
9. **Bend It Like Beckham** (PG-13)
Keira Knightley, Parminder Nagra
10. **Confidence** .....(R)
Edward Burns, Andy Garcia

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YOUR AMERICA
by Amy Anderson

June Festivals

Summer is almost here. The kids are jumping through the sprinkler to cool off while dreaming of roller coasters and theme parks hosted by a large and friendly mouse. Backyard barbecues are sizzling, and the sun is shining on a slew of fun events. Here are a few:

The Judy Garland Festival: Grand Rapids, Minn., hosts the Judy Garland Festival on June 26-28. This is the birthplace of Ms. Garland, and you can visit her former home there, now restored as a museum. The Munchkin Reunion is held simultaneously; fans of the Wizard of Oz won't want to miss breakfast with assorted Oz actors. There is a candlelight vigil at the Judy Garland home to celebrate her 81st birthday. Various other activities also will be going on, including showings of "The Wizard of Oz" and a Taste of Grand Rapids food fest. For more information, call the Judy Garland Museum at 1-800-664-5839. Admission prices depend on the event; parking is free.

The Elvis Presley Festival, Tupelo, Miss.: Another big name in show business — this time the King — and again, a hometown tribute. June 6-8 you can enjoy all the music that made Elvis Presley what he was — a legend. The events are held downtown, near the very spot where Elvis bought his very first guitar! Performances by such heavy hitters as B.B. King and the Charlie Daniels Band mark the fest, but you will also find bicycle races; motorcycle, art and movie poster shows; and a 5k run. For more info, surf to www.tupeloelvisfest.com.

Yarnspinners Festival, Boone, N.C.: The Appalachian Mountain folk have a tradition of tall tales, and you'll find that it is alive and well in Boone, N.C., on June 14. Master storyteller Orville Hicks performs along with a host of others at the Hickory Ridge Homestead. Call (336) 877-4110 for details.

Kutztown Festival, Kutztown, Pa.: For Pennsylvania Dutch culture, check out the Kutztown Festival, running from June 28 through July 6. Quilting demonstrations, German Oompa music and lots of crafts are only the start. Have a slice of shoofly pie, see historical re-enactments, or witness a traditional Pennsylvania Dutch wedding. Get times and places by calling (888) 674-6136 or log on to www.kutztownfestival.com.

Ninth Annual Big Dog Parade, Santa Barbara, Calif.: This canine festival, held June 7 in Santa Barbara's De La Guerra Plaza, is for the dogs — literally. There are paw readings and a K-9 challenge course, as well as food for both you and poochie. See www.bigdogs.com or call (805) 963-8727 ext. 1398.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

SUPERSWEET CORN IS AT ITS PEAK

Why wait for July to savor the summery flavor of fresh corn grown by your local farmers or shipped from the U.S. Corn Belt? Supersweet from Florida and Georgia is at its peak and is probably what you're seeing in your stores.

Supersweet is a variety that's three times as high in natural sugar than other varieties and will stay fresh and sweet longer when kept refrigerated. It grows with white, yellow and bi-color kernels.

To keep it fresh, remove the husks and silk, wrap the ears loosely in plastic wrap, or bag and store it in the fridge. If already husked and plastic-wrapped in a tray, you may tuck the package, as is, into the refrigerator's veggie bin.

Cook it in boiling water for just 3 to 5 minutes and let your teeth work on it. It needs no trimming. But, if you like, you can spread it with plain, herbed or spiced butter. Or, you may broil, grill, roast or steam it for an even more intense flavor. Add it, uncooked, to salads, salsas and dips.

Don't limit yourself to biting into its crunch on the cob — try these recipes:

ROASTED CHICKEN, CORN AND ZUCCHINI

- *2 tablespoons olive oil*
- *1 teaspoon dried thyme*
- *1 1/2 teaspoons salt, divided*
- *1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper, divided*
- *4 large zucchini and/or yellow squash, quartered crosswise*
- *2 large sweet onions, quartered*
- *4 large ears fresh Supersweet corn, quartered crosswise*
- *8 green onions (scallions)*
- *4 chicken drumsticks and/or thighs*

Place racks in upper and lower thirds of oven. Preheat oven to 425 F. In a cup, combine oil, thyme, 3/4 teaspoon of the salt and 1/4 teaspoon of the pepper. In large, shallow pan, toss squash and onions with half of the seasoned oil. In bowl, coat corn and green onions with remaining seasoned oil.

On a rack in a broiler pan, place chicken; sprinkle on all sides with remaining 3/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Place pan with vegetables on lower rack in oven and the chicken on upper rack. Roast for 25 minutes, turning vegetables and chicken occasionally. Add corn and green onions to pan with vegetables. Roast until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes more, turning occasionally. Makes 4 servings.

GARLIC-ROASTED SUPERSWEET CORN

- *1/4 cup olive oil*
- *4 large cloves garlic, crushed*
- *8 ears fresh Supersweet corn, husked*

Preheat over to 500 F or outdoor grill to hot. In small skillet, over medium heat, heat oil. Add garlic; cook and stir until garlic is lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat; remove garlic with a fork and discard. Place ears in a shallow roasting pan or on rack over hot coals; brush with garlic-flavored oil. Roast or grill until corn is tender and kernels begin to turn golden brown, about 7 minutes, turning once. Yield: 8 ears corn.

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TEST DRIVE by Greg Zyla

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The 2003 Honda Odyssey Minivan is our latest test drive, and a good one it is. When it comes to creature comforts and hauling cargo, few manufacturers are in the same ballpark.

The 2003 Odyssey features Honda's excellent roominess and cargo capacity. With all three rows of seats in the upright position, Odyssey's large and very deep rear cargo area is a welcome addition. With a fully loaded passenger capacity of seven full-size adults, you can still add numerous suitcases, golf bags or grocery items to the rear area.

If more room is needed and passenger capacity is down to five, the third row "magic" seat folds directly into the floor, offering a flat, large surface. The second-row bucket seats can also be removed completely, resulting in a whooping 146 cubic-feet of cargo space. This number is greater than its competitors, so those who know they will use the Odyssey for lots of trips to the hardware center or for camping should take note.

Of course, Honda didn't forget the human beings, either. Best-in-class legroom, headroom and shoulder room greet all passengers. The seating is very comfortable, and amenities abound. There are numerous cup holders, and a fold-down console-style "table" between driver and passenger allows access to the rear seats when in the down position.

Under the hood sits Honda's proven 240-horsepower, 3.5-liter V-6 engine. In our recent test of the Honda Accord EX, we touted the abilities of the Honda V-6, and this van is no different. Press the pedal down and you go forward with authority not found in other minivans.

Still, the front-drive Odyssey is both quiet and manageable in all operations, thanks to a well-designed fully automatic five-speed overdrive transmission. The result is a very impressive 18 mpg city and 25 mpg highway EPA numbers.

Brakes? How about four-wheel ABS disc brakes, unlike some of the competitor's front disc, rear drum setups.

The suspension is built with passenger comfort as a priority, but not at the cost of being too soft. Up front are MacPherson struts, with a double wishbone rear configuration. Four gas pressurized shocks help dampen any road irregularities, as do the quality 16-inch all-season tires.

Other standard items include all the powers, front and rear air conditioning, dual-sliding side doors, privacy glass, dual front-side-impact airbags, illuminated vanity mirrors, cruise and tilt, AM/FM stereo with cassette/CD, rear wipers and more. Our EX tester had the upgraded automatic air conditioning, which can be activated by either the Navigation system screen

touch control or a push button on the dash (we like this), dual power sliding side doors, eight-way power driver seat, keyless entry, beautiful alloy wheels and heated seats.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 118.1 inches, curb weight of 4,365 pounds and a towing capacity of 3,500 pounds. There are no options available on this fully loaded mini, which lists for $30,400. Add the additional $460 for destination, and you arrive at the bottom line of $30,860. The final assembly point for the Odyssey is Lincoln, Ala.

As for complaints, the only thing we could muster was the position of the heated seat controls, which are mounted on the lower side of each front door panel. Also, the factory-installed Honda Satellite-Linked Navigation System and Honda DVD Entertainment System are not available together on the same Odyssey EX with leather. Why? We don't know, so you have to check with the dealer. Other than that, this is one great vehicle.

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by JoAnna M. Lund

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BANANA-RASPBERRY CUSTARD TREATS

- *1 cup (one medium) diced banana*
- *1 1/2 cups fresh red raspberries*
- *1 (4-serving) package sugar-free vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix*
- *2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder*
- *1 2/3 cups water*
- *1 teaspoon coconut extract*
- *1/4 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping*
- *4 teaspoons flaked coconut*

In a medium bowl, combine diced banana and raspberries. Evenly spoon fruit into 4 parfait or dessert dishes. In a medium saucepan, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and water. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and starts to boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in coconut extract. Spoon hot pudding mix evenly over fruit. Refrigerate for at least one hour. Top each serving with 1 tablespoon whipped topping and garnish with 1 teaspoon coconut flakes. Serves 4.

• Each serving equals: 137 calories, 1 g fat, 5 g protein, 27 g carb., 181 mg sodium, 3 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Fruit, 1/2 Skim Milk, 1/2 Starch.

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HAVE NO FEAR YOUNG LADY, I'LL SAVE YOU!
I'LL TAKE THIS TIME BOMB AND FLY IT INTO OUTER SPACE!
TICK... TICK... TICK...
BUT FIRST I'M GOING TO BRUSH MY TEETH AND GET INTO BED.
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I'M GOING TO DYE MY HAIR.
DYE IT??? I THOUGHT IT WAS ALREADY DEAD!!
HA HA HA!! HO HO HEE HA!!
I'VE HEARD IT'S HARDER TO LAUGH WITH A CURLING IRON WRAPPED AROUND YOUR TONGUE.

POPEYE
HEY EISMAN
CHING CHING ZAP
SWEE'PEA, AIN'T YA GOT HOMEWORK TA DO?
OH YEAH
FER ENGLISH WE'RE S'POSE TA WRITE 'BOUT A HISTORICAL FIGURE...
...KIN YA SUGGES' SOMEONE ?
HOW 'BOUT GEORGE WASHIN'TON ?
HOW SHOULD I START THAT?...
...HOW D'YA SPELL MOUNT VERNON?
WOT'S THAT 'BOUT THE CHERRY TREE?...
...AN' HE THREW A DOLLAR WHERE?
...AFTER CROSSIN' THE DELAWARE...WOT DID HE DO?
WAIT...HOW DUZ THAT GO?...
...FIRST IN WAR...FIRST IN PEACE...
WHEW! THAT WUZN'T EASY..
...I BETTER GIT AT LEAST AN A+ ON THAT!

FLASH GORDON
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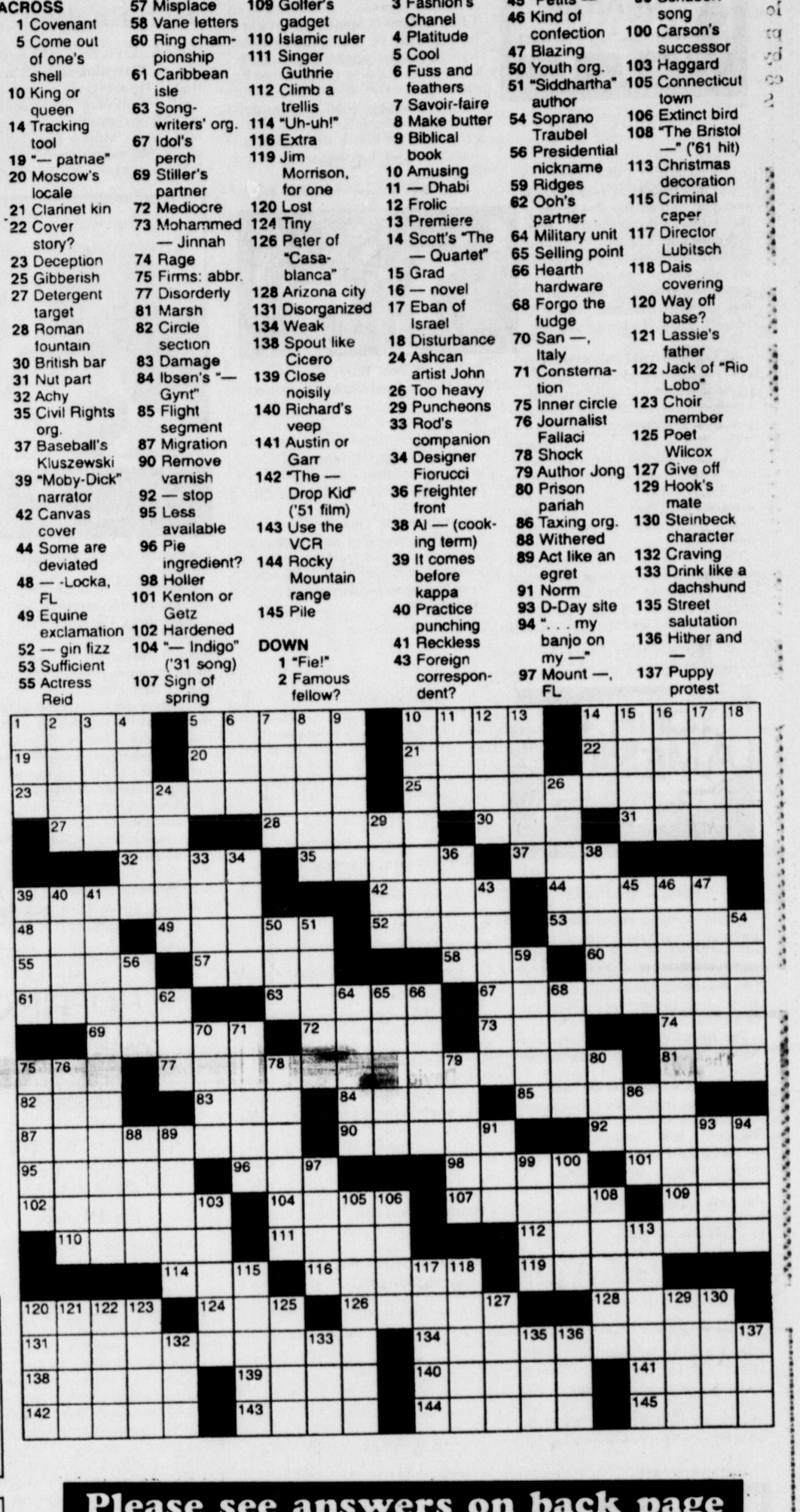
FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
HIS ADVANCES SPURNED BY DALE, WARTOG'S ANGER MOUNTS...
WHEN I WAS SIMPLY RUNNING THE COMPUTERS HERE, THEY ALL THOUGHT LIKE YOU... THOUGHT THEY WERE BETTER THAN ME. BUT I SHOWED THEM!
"THE SYSTEMS I DEVISED VIRTUALLY RAN THE ENTIRE REALM...
...YET IT WAS THE KING WHO HAD ALL THE POWER... THE GLORY!"
BUT THAT WOULD ALL CHANGE.
WOULDN'T IT, "YOUR MAJESTY"?
YES, O MIGHTY WARTOG.
W...WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HIM?
A SIMPLE MIND-ALTERING COMPUTER DISK. ORDERS I TRANSMIT THROUGH MY HEADPIECE ARE FOLLOWED WITHOUT QUESTION!
BUT ENOUGH TALK. IT'S TIME YOU HAD A DEMONSTRATION!
NEXT: MIND GAMES!

Super Crossword — RHYME TIME

ACROSS
1 Covenant
5 Come out of one's shell
10 King or queen
14 Tracking tool
19 "— patriae"
20 Moscow's locale
21 Clarinet kin
22 Cover story?
23 Deception
25 Gibberish
27 Detergent target
28 Roman fountain
30 British bar
31 Nut part
32 Achy
35 Civil Rights org.
37 Baseball's Kluszewski
39 "Moby-Dick" narrator
42 Canvas cover
44 Some are deviated
48 — -Locka, FL
49 Equine exclamation
52 — gin fizz
53 Sufficient
55 Actress Reid
57 Misplace
58 Vane letters
60 Ring championship
61 Caribbean isle
63 Song-writers' org.
67 Idol's perch
69 Stiller's partner
72 Mediocre
73 Mohammed — Jinnah
74 Rage
75 Firms: abbr.
77 Disorderly
81 Marsh
82 Circle section
83 Damage
84 Ibsen's "— Gynt"
85 Flight segment
87 Migration
90 Remove varnish
92 — stop
95 Less available
96 Pie ingredient?
98 Holler
101 Kenton or Getz
102 Hardened
104 "— Indigo" ('31 song)
107 Sign of spring
109 Golfer's gadget
110 Islamic ruler
111 Singer Guthrie
112 Climb a trellis
114 "Uh-uh!"
116 Extra
119 Jim Morrison, for one
120 Lost
124 Tiny
126 Peter of "Casablanca"
128 Arizona city
131 Disorganized
134 Weak
138 Spout like Cicero
139 Close noisily
140 Richard's veep
141 Austin or Garr
142 "The — Drop Kid" ('51 film)
143 Use the VCR
144 Rocky Mountain range
145 Pile

DOWN
1 "Fie!"
2 Famous fellow?
3 Fashion's Chanel
4 Platitude
5 Cool
6 Fuss and feathers
7 Savoir-faire
8 Make butter
9 Biblical book
10 Amusing
11 — Dhabi
12 Frolic
13 Premiere
14 Scott's "The — Quartet"
15 Grad
16 — novel
17 Eban of Israel
18 Disturbance
24 Ashcan artist John
26 Too heavy
29 Puncheons
33 Rod's companion
34 Designer Fiorucci
36 Freighter front
38 Al — (cooking term)
39 It comes before kappa
40 Practice punching
41 Reckless
43 Foreign correspondent?
45 "Petits —"
46 Kind of confection
47 Blazing
50 Youth org.
51 "Siddhartha" author
54 Soprano Traubel
56 Presidential nickname
59 Ridges
62 Ooh's partner
64 Military unit
65 Selling point
66 Hearth hardware
68 Forgo the fudge
70 San —, Italy
71 Consternation
75 Inner circle
76 Journalist Fallaci
78 Shock
79 Author Jong
80 Prison pariah
86 Taxing org.
88 Withered
89 Act like an egret
91 Norm
93 D-Day site
94 ". . . my banjo on my —"
97 Mount —, FL
99 Schubert song
100 Carson's successor
103 Haggard
105 Connecticut town
106 Extinct bird
108 "The Bristol —" ('61 hit)
113 Christmas decoration
115 Criminal caper
117 Director Lubitsch
118 Dais covering
120 Way off base?
121 Lassie's father
122 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
123 Choir member
125 Poet Wilcox
127 Give off
129 Hook's mate
130 Steinbeck character
132 Craving
133 Drink like a dachshund
135 Street salutation
136 Hither and —
137 Puppy protest



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

3 Musketeers
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Clark
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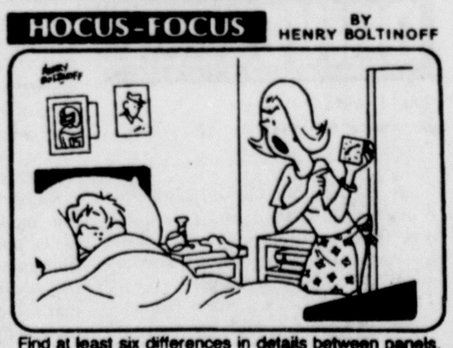

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS
2. One-half of 12-Down
4. 17-Across minus 1-Down
6. Thirty more than 8-Across
8. Consecutive even digits in ascending order
9. Consecutive digits in descending order
10. Consecutive even digits in descending order
11. Fifty more than 10-Down
13. 10-Across minus 11-Down
15. 13-Down minus 16-Down
16. 2-Across plus 14-Down
17. Consecutive digits rearranged

DOWN
1. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
2. Seven more than 15-Across
3. 9-Across plus 11-Across
5. Same digit repeated
7. 8-Across plus 2-Down
9. Five less than 7-Down
10. Two more than 13-Down
11. One-fourth of 5-Down
12. Seven times 5-Down
13. Consecutive odd digits in ascending order
14. 6-Across times 15-Across
16. Six less than 13-Across

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School boundary changes proposed

Attendance maps may affect Southport, Bridgeway, Westfield & Evergreen schools

During the past several years the enrollment in the Washington Unified School District has increased substantially, adding approximately 1000 new students. In order to accommodate even more anticipated growth for the next school year, the following new school boundary proposals are being considers by the WUSD Board of Education:

Southport Elementary: The Southport attendance boundary would be modified to assign all students living east of Jefferson Boulevard and north of Linden Road to Bridgeway Island Elementary School. This would affect the Newport Estates, Gateway, Park Lane, North River Ranch, and other tracts. Students currently enrolled at Southport could remain, with parent-provided transportation and with written approval of the Southport principal.

Westfield Elementary: The Westfield attendance boundary would be modified to assign all students living east of Jefferson Boulevard and north of West Capitol Avenue to Evergreen Elementary and south and west of the Yolo-Shortline railroad. (Students east of Jefferson Boulevard and south of West Capitol Avenue now attend Evergreen). Students currently enrolled at Westfield could remain, with parent-provided transportation and with written approval of the Westfield principal.

The school board will be considering and taking action on the noted proposals. If you have an interest or concern you are welcome to attend the next regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, June 12th at 7 p.m. at the West Sacramento Civic Center on 1110 West Capitol Ave.

School district picks employees of the year for 2003

BACK ROW: Dan Brown and Terry Souza. Middle: Pam Geivett and Carla Marquez. Front: Maria Quintero.
Photo by Barry Blacklaw

Leaders of the Washington Unified School District last week held their annual recognition dinner for retiring employees and employees of the year.

Selected as employees of the year from the classified staff were Maria Quintero and Terry Souza.

From the support staff, Pam Geivett was honored.

Elementary school teacher of the year was Carla Marquez, kindergarten teacher at Westmore Oaks Elementary.

Secondary teacher of the year was Don Brown, a P.E. teacher at Golden State.

A number of district employees were honored for retiring after long years of service.

Among them were 35-year WUSD employees Jane Budd, Lucy Garcia, Susan Guyton, Carole Heavin, Mary McFarland and Sandra Walker.

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If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.

—George Bernard Shaw

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: When did Teddy Roosevelt declare his Square Deal policy?
2. GEOGRAPHY: About how many miles long is the Hudson River?
3. EXPLORERS: Who discovered Nicaragua in 1502?
4. NATURAL WORLD: How many legs does a spider have?
5. MOVIES: What actress' original name was Gladys Smith?
6. SCIENCE: What does the Periodic Table keep track of?
7. CHEMISTRY: What is the common name for sucrose?
8. ANATOMY: Where in the human body is the glottis?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the nickname of a Scottish rebel named Robert MacGregor?
10. MUSIC: What kind of a musical instrument was the kit?

Answers

1. 1902
2. 350 miles
3. Columbus
4. Eight
5. Mary Pickford
6. The Earth's elements
7. Sugar
8. Throat
9. Rob Roy
10. Small violin

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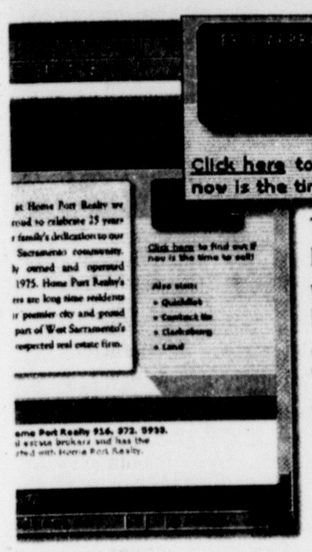

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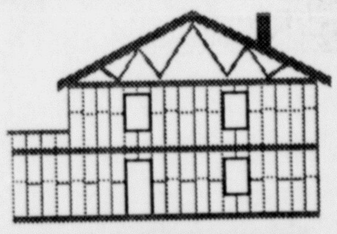
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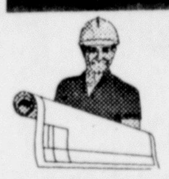
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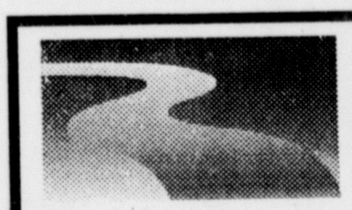
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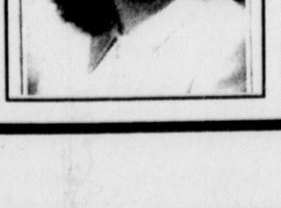
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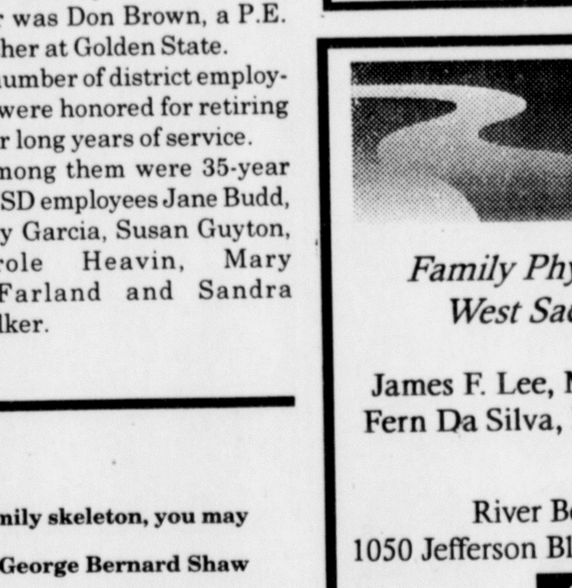

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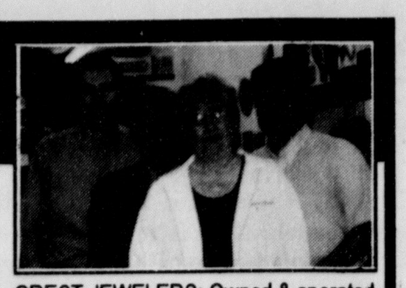

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Bowling leagues

Summer leagues are forming at Capitol Bowl. Adults can choose from handicap leagues Mon-Fri. or a 'scratch' league Saturday. Juniors can bowl Friday afternoons. All skill levels, beginners encouraged. Call 371-5631.

Museum trip

The West Sacramento Historical Society is planning a trip to the Rio Vista Historical Museum on Sat., May 31, departing from the home of Jeri Hughes Wingfield at 1700 Deerwood St. in West Sacramento to depart at 8:30 a.m. To confirm attendance, call 371-7878 or 451-2113. $5 donation requested. If time permits, the trip will include a visit to the Dutra Dredging Museum in Rio Vista.

Sports camp

The National Youth Sports Program, in association with the City of West Sacramento and the NCAA, is accepting applications for a free sports camp for boys and girls age 10-16 at UC Davis from June 30 to Aug. 4. Visit the parks department at 1110 West Capitol Ave. for registration information. Limited to 50 kids from this city; applications are due by June 13. Call 617-4620 for more information.

Interfaith

The West Sacramento Interfaith Gathering will meet for its monthly brown-bag luncheon on Friday, June 6 at noon at Community Lutheran Church, 920 Drever St. Members of all faith traditions are welcome. Call 371-8804 for information.

Lifeguard jobs

The West Sacramento Parks Department is accepting applications for lifeguards and pool managers. Must have lifeguard and CPR certification. Season begins June 16. Call 617-4620.

Casino trip

Holy Cross Altar Society is sponsoring a trip to the Silver Legacy on Sat., June 21, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cost of $25 includes breakfast at Holy Cross Hall at 7:30 a.m., burritos on the bus, raffle tickets, bingo games and a casino refund of $10 cash and a $5 food or drink coupon. For reservations, call 371-8358. Seats must be paid for by June 13, non-refundable.

Book bargains!

The East Yolo Friends of the Library will sponsor a book sale on Sat., June 7 and Sun., June 8, at the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Ave. in West Sacramento. Saturday hours are 9-4; Sunday hours are 10-2. Donations of clean, gently-used books are accepted year-round, as are donations of magazines, catalogs and audio-visual materials..

Poster contest

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is seeking students from 4th, 5th and 6th grades to participate in an art contest for the 2004 Air Quality Calendar. Winning students will receive $50 and see their art featured in the calendar. The theme is promoting ways to keep air clean. Entries are due by June 6 at the district's office, 1947 Galileo Ct., Suite 103, Davis, CA 95616. Call (800) 287-3650 for information.

Junior Giants

West Sacramento's parks department is accepting registration for boys and girls age 5-17 to play T-ball, minors, majors and seniors baseball. Games begin June 28 on Saturdays. Player evaluation day is June 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Bryte Park. Volunteer coaches are needed. No charge to play. Call 617-4620.

Fish fry

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge will host a fish fry on Sat., June 7, from 6-8:30 p.m. at 423 Third St. Cost is $10 ($4 for kids under 12). Call 372-2890 in advance.

Church cookin'

"Cooking with Angels," a cookbook compiled by members of Trinity Presbyterian Church, is packed with 200 recipes to help you please your family and friends. Call 371-8873 to find out how to buy a copy.

West Sac Orchestra

The West Sacramento Community Orchestra will "celebrate the American spirit" with a free concert Sun, June 15, at 2:30 p.m. at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 664 Cummins Way. A second free concert will be held Tues., June 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Centennial Methodist Church, 5401 Freeport Blvd. (near Fruitridge). Musicians of all ages and proficiency levels are invited to join. Call (916) 991-5262.

Equestrians

The West Sacramento Trail Riders Association will meet next on Tues., June 3 at 6 p.m. for a potluck barbecue at the Morazzini home. Call Ron at 812-1358 for directions and information. The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, and invites anyone interested in joining the group or helping with its community projects.

Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County is planning to distribute food to eligible West Sacramento and Clarksburg residents on May 31 at the county building on Jefferson Blvd. from 8-9:30 a.m.; the Sam Combs Activity Center from 8:30-9:30 a.m.; the Yolo Housing Authority at 685 Lighthouse Dr. from 8:30-9:30 a.m.; and at the Clarksburg Firehouse from 10-11 a.m. Commodities may include tomatoes, almonds, carrots, corn syrup, figs, salmon, rice and dehydrated potatoes. Please bring a bag. For eligibility information, call (530) 758-6821.

Birthday X 4

A birthday party for four identical quadruplets born March 25 to West Sacramento's Onsee Khamsa is scheduled for Thurs., May 29, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Sam Combs Park, 205 Stone Blvd. in West Sacramento. Family friends suggest that appropriate gifts might include local supermarket gift certificates, a rocking chair, donation of a used van or car, car seat for the family's five-year old boy, or checks to the Carol Heston Quadruplet Fund c/o Bank of America, 2135 Golden Center Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. The family is also looking for a new housing rental; a home or apartment with 3-4 bedrooms.

Youth soccer

West Sacramento Soccer will hold registration at Johnnies Sidewalk Pizza on Wed., June 4, from 6-9 p.m.; and at Bryte Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sat., June 14. Cost is $60 for the first child and $55 for each other child in the same family. Returning players must bring a recent photo cut into a 1 ¼ inch square with player's full name on the back. New players need to bring the same kind of photo plus a non-returnable copy of a certified birth certificate (not a hospital birth certificate). Children between 4-19 years old are eligible. Coaches and referees are needed. Call 375-0503 for information.

Depression

The documentary "Depression in Older Adults: The Right to Feel Better" is now airing on Charter Cable TV Channel 21, reports the West Sacramento Senior Center. The documentary includes interviews with patients who have experienced depression, and is open-captioned for the hearing-impaired. The program airs daily at 6:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

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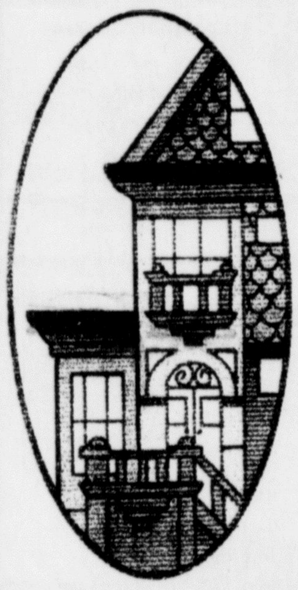

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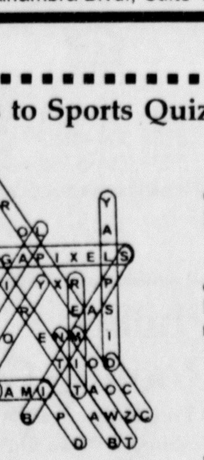

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Answers to Sports Quiz (p. 3) & Puzzles (p. 8)

Answers

1. Larry Hisle, Kirby Puckett, Marty Cordova, Corey Koskie and Torii Hunter.
2. Willie McCovey had 45 in 1969.
3. It was 1991, when the University of Washington and the University of Miami, Fla., "shared" the national title.
4. Grant Hill in 1995 with Detroit.
5. The Ottawa Senators.
6. Greg Biffle did it between 1998-2002.
7. False; Czechoslovakia's Miloslav Mecir won the gold in 1988. Rosset won it in 1992.

Differences: 1. Fan has been added. 2. Apron is different. 3. Portrait is gone. 4. Frame is black. 5. Baseball glove is on bed. 6. Books are missing.

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